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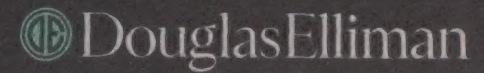
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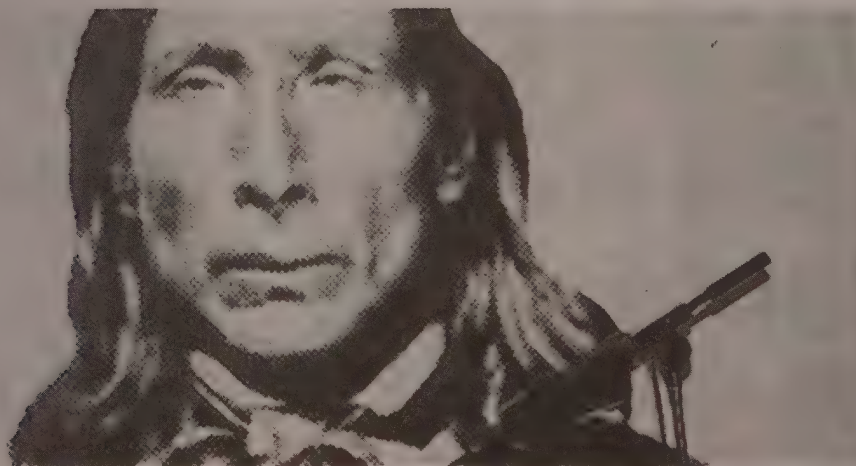
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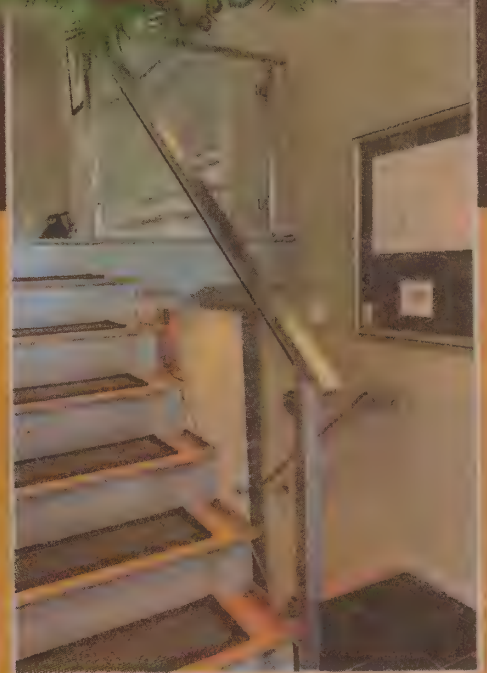
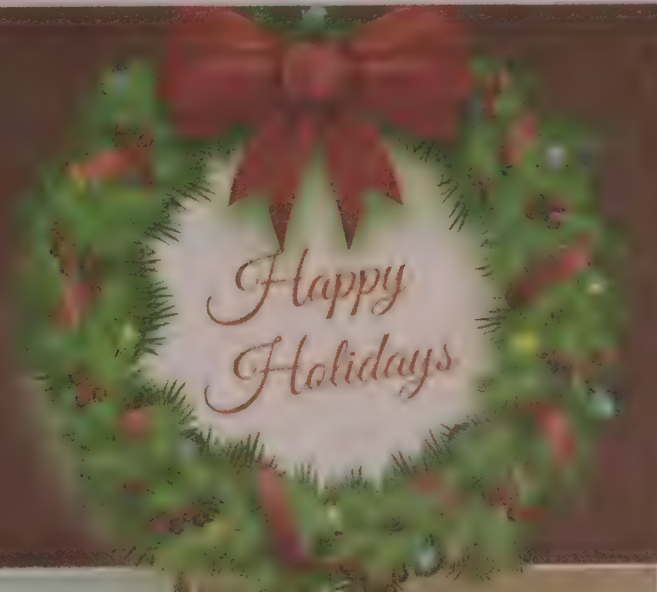
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in Newport Beach, California. "I'm so blessed to welcome my baby girl Love Sean Combs to the world," tweeted Diddy, adding, "Mama Combs, Quincy, Justin, Christian, Chance, D'Lila, Jessie and myself all love you so much! God is the greatest!" Meanwhile, Diddy has been dating City Girls rapper Yung Miami for a little over a year. Over the recent Thanksgiving holiday, she joined Combs and his daughters Chance, D'Lila and Jessie at The Caring Place at the Miami Rescue Mission where they served dinners to more than 3,000 homeless people.

A magansett resident Sarah Jessica Parker, who is



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currently shooting the second season of the *Sex and the City* reboot, *And Just Like That...*, joined her husband, Matthew Broderick, and their three children, son James and twin daughters Marion and Tabitha, at the Broadway premiere of *Some Like It Hot* on December 11, reports *OK! Magazine*. SJP posted a video of the play's curtain call on Instagram, captioning it with, "OPENING NIGHT @somelikeithot musical!!!! This is how it feels, The Shubert Theatre 8 shows a week! Wowza!!!!!" She concluded the caption with, "Congratulations to the entire cast, crew, creative team

for a most joyful night in the theatre! Special love to @scottwittman and @marc\_shaiman! So proud! X, SJ."

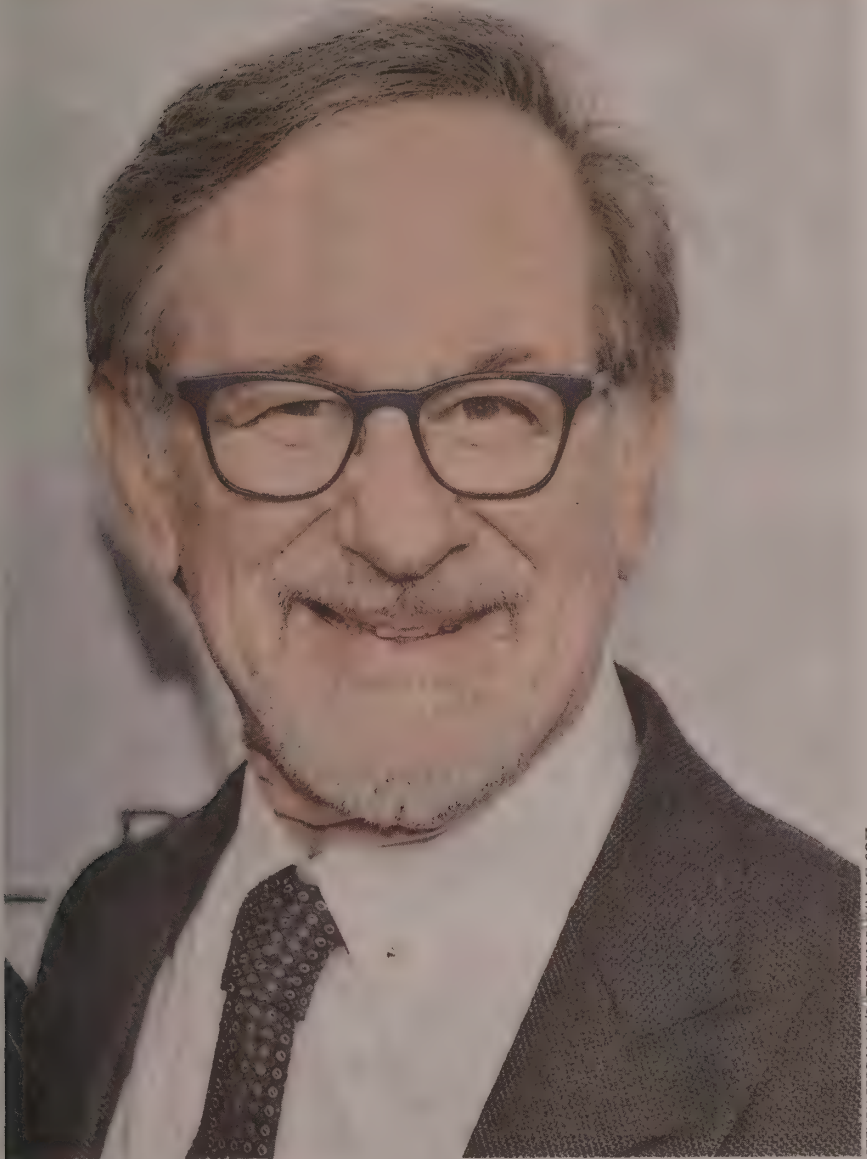
According to Deadline, Sagaponack homeowner Drew Barrymore has a new gig as the star of Pluto TV's "Stream Now. Pay Never," which is a new ad series which consists of three spots that will be rom-com meet-cute situations, crime dramas, as well as Barrymore's skydiving scene in the 2000 movie, *Charlie's Angels*. Adweek Network's "Lost Remote" reports the ads launched in the United States on December 16 and will be seen in international territories which have

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been selected by Pluto TV throughout early 2023. Barrymore said in a statement, "Pluto TV is at the forefront of this transformational moment in media and how people consume it, and it's so exciting to be a part of it. The fact that the service is completely free, with no strings attached, really drew me to be a part of this campaign. I can turn on Pluto TV and be immediately drawn into my favorite series and movies across any decade and genre. It's like the slot machine of programming, anything and everything you want!"

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Academy Award-winning producer-director **Steven Spielberg's** production company Amblin Entertainment and MSNBC's **Rachel Maddow** have formed a partnership to develop a movie based on the talk show host's podcast, "Rachel Maddow Presents: Ultra," reports Adweek Network's "TVNewser." "Ultra" consists of eight episodes focusing on 1944's great sedition of elected officials colluding with the violent ultra-right as they plot against the United States, exposing the extreme ways they covered up the things that

were done. Spielberg, who owns an estate in East Hampton, and Amblin Entertainment acquired the movie rights to "Ultra" from Maddow's production company, Surprise Inside, and MSNBC, according to Deadline.

On December 15, **Beyoncé**, who owns a mansion in East Hampton with husband **Jay-Z**, announced she would be throwing Club Renaissance parties for two nights on December 17 and 18 at an undisclosed venue in Los Angeles. The announcement did not give out much information, only revealing that attendees would be able to "experience Renaissance in spatial audio," then hinting that the party could be to celebrate Beyoncé's latest album *Renaissance*. According to *Variety*, the "tickets were apparently

gone within minutes." All attendees were required to be 21 or older. The multiple award-winning entertainer has been nominated for nine Grammy Awards for the album, tying with Jay-Z for a record 88 Grammy nominations during their careers.

## Sightings ...

On December 13, **Gwyneth Paltrow**, who owns a home in Amagansett, attended the G. Label by goop Holiday Cocktail Soirée in Los Angeles.

Southampton residents **Brooke Shields** and her daughters, Rowan and Grier Henchy, on the red carpet of the iHeart Radio Z100's Jingle Ball 2022 at Madison Square Garden on December 9.



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## Santa Visits East Hampton via Helicopter

Santa arrived in Herrick Park in East Hampton via Suffolk County Police helicopter to greet a mass crowd of children itching to meet him. With Dreesen's doughnuts available for munching and a free screening of *The Polar Express* just across the street, families filled the park for the spectacle. The park was filled with cheerful kids as it was a perfect day to start the holidays off strong!

PHOTOS BY RICHARD LEWIN



Santa (Dan Rattiner)



East Hampton Village Mayor Jerry Larsen



Kids gather around Santa



Paola Aguidelo, Christian, Aliyah and Abrianna Jimenez, Jason Tuma



Akina and Aiden Mabry, Chazz Durant



Henry and Kelly Piccinnini, Moira Goldman, Charlie Piccinnini, Emilia Goldman



Diego, Daniel, Elijah, Alexis and Gill Palomo



Brienne Daskoez, Bridget Terry, Mariana Nunes, Ed D'Ambrosio, Diane Mollica, Nicole Weiss, Amanda MacDonald

## Compass Holiday Party

Agents from Compass offices across Long Island and Westchester came together at The Royalton Mansion in Roslyn Heights to celebrate the holidays and yet another successful year of real estate. It was a night filled with music, which folks couldn't help but dance to, and meeting new people including special guests Robert Reffkin and Rory Golod. What a way to top off a fantastic year in business!

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Chris Foglia, Robert Reffkin

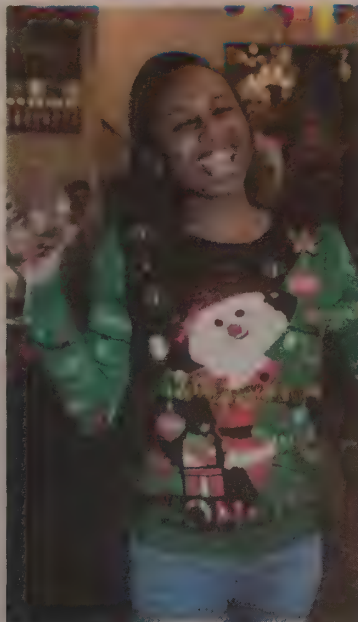


Laura Carroll, Bridget and Eric Elkin



Rory Golod, Dana Forbes





First Place Ugly Christmas Sweater Winner, Alexis Forde

## Wölffer's Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

Wölffer Estate hosted an Ugly Sweater Holiday Party where guests could drink, dance, and play the night away. It was the perfect night for holiday cheer as live music played whilst folks indulged in Christmas games like reindeer ring toss and prizes of wine for the ugliest sweater contest. It was a night of fun flawlessly designed to bring the Christmas spirit to the Sagaponack attendees.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE MERMELSTEIN



Second Place Jenna Deaddio and Third Place Karen Clement dance



Reindeer ring toss with Keegan Daven



Joanna Messina, Marila Starostina, Emily Ely, Mary Massey



Wölffer's Ugly Christmas Sweater Band

## Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK



BARNEY RYAN

Seen at: Winterfest, Westhampton Beach  
What we love: A very stylish suit with a matching tie that perfectly captured the essence of the Christmas spirit!

PHOTO: JACQUELINE MOORE

## The Magic of Montauk

The Montauk Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center hosted their first annual Holiday Fair. Held on the green in downtown Montauk, the event featured a lighted holiday path designed to lead guests to vendors galore. Santa even made an appearance with his live reindeer, all whilst visitors sipped their hot cocoa, mulled wine and cider. With letter writing to Santa, gingerbread house decorating and ornament and dreidel decorating, there was no shortage of holiday fun!

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARY KATE GILROY



Chamber team: Ann Marie Mastandrea, Joy Keiser, Jennifer Fowkes, Leo Daunt, Mariah Miltier



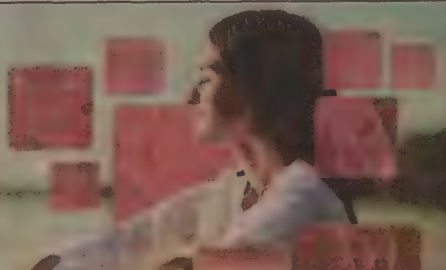
Mario Arlotta selling goods in his Arlotta Foods booth



Santa and his reindeer

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## Westhampton Beach Winterfest

Westhampton Beach's Winterfest was more expansive than ever this year! With snowball fights on the Village Green, make-your-own pizza at Bambino's, making cookies at Sydney's, ornament and bookmark making at the library and live music, a professional ice sculptor and Santa taking pictures with pets at the local brewery, there was no shortage of fun all day long! Santa arrived that night via firetruck, and from there the festivities continued. With hot chocolate in hand, guests got to see the lighting of the tree and menorah, ending their night with a hot meal and drinks at Salt & Loft. It was truly a spectacular event.

PHOTOS BY JACQUELINE MOORE



Maureen and Larry Jones, Mayor Maria Moore, Tom and Patti Fahey



Bambino's Owner Louis Xiquin hosts a make-your-own pizza



WHB Brewing Co. owner Brian Skipp, record-breaking ice sculptor Rich Daly



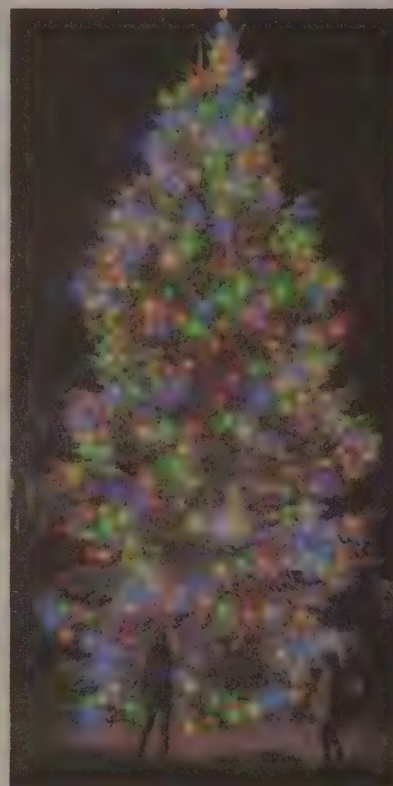
Ambriele and Saryna Neary teach origami ornament crafts at the Westhampton Free Library



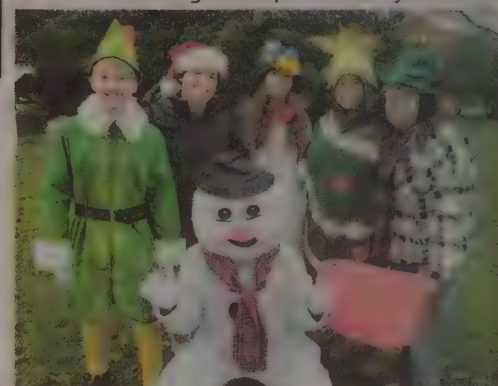
Santa (Rich Gandolfo), Grinch (Shelby)



Rabbi Avraham Bronstein announces the menorah lighting



Westhampton Beach Christmas Tree



Anderson Hipp, Theo Grellet-Aumont, Aidan McDermott, Janelle Frank, Angelina Jorge, Patricija Dirzius



Ava O'Neill, Santa (Trustee Stephen Frano), Caleigh Campbell

## Shelter Island Tree Lighting

Shelter Island hosted their Christmas tree lighting this year, an event filled with music and caroling from teachers, students and Mr. and Mrs. Claus themselves! With hot cocoa and homemade cookies provided, attendees stayed nice and warm on a cold night out as they celebrated the Shelter Island Police Department's tree come to life with dazzling colors.

PHOTOS BY JESSICA SFORZA



4th and 5th grade children sing Christmas carols before the tree lighting



Chamber of Commerce members Yvette Acevedo, Art Williams, Linda Eklund



Former and current Shelter Island School District teachers play Christmas music



Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Jim Pugh and Sarah Shephard)



Announcer Brett Surerus with his children Piper and Jackson Surerus



## Ram's Head Inn Winterfest

Ram's Head Inn hosted their first annual Winterfest this season! With families gathered around children's author, Billy Baldwin, parents enjoying a Mixology class taught by mixologist Krista Porreca, and a roaring fire pit and 15-foot-tall Christmas tree, there was something for everyone to enjoy in this winter celebration. The East End Arts organization provided classic holiday music, and nobody could resist the enticing s'mores provided. It was a full day of fun that went on into the evening, and a lovely way to get into the holiday spirit.

PHOTOS BY ROB RICH



Actor Jesse Eisenberg, Ram's Head Inn owner Aandrea Carter



Arielle Gardner hosts birdseed ornament making



Families gather to roast marshmallows



Mixologist Krista Porreca



Rebecca DeAngelis, author Billy Baldwin at storytime



Vanessa Trouble

## Notable Sightings



Hannah Faye Pak, daughter of Dr. Sang and Joy Pak, was part of the Cantabile Youth Chorus of the Hamptons performance at the Greek Orthodox Church in Southampton on the evening of Saturday, December 10.

## Dan's Papers 'Gratitude Abounds' Photo Contest RUNNER-UP



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## Flanders Woman Sentenced for Crash That Killed Daughter

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A woman was sentenced December 14 to one to three years in prison for driving while high on drugs when she crashed her car, killing her 4-year-old daughter in her hometown of Flanders in January.

Amy Wesolowski pleaded guilty in November at Suffolk County court to charges of vehicular manslaughter, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger — a felony under Leandra's Law — operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs and endangering the welfare of a child. A charge of driving without a license was dropped.

Judge Richard Ambro said she had "sentenced herself" to having to live with what she had done.

Police had said Wesolowski was driving with her daughter in a 2005 Toyota Rav 4 that collided with a 2022 Volkswagen Tiguan driven by 29-year-old Sonya Fezza of Water Mill on Flanders Road at 11:40 a.m. on January 13.

The child, Gracelyn Perkowski, died days later, on January 16, at Stony Brook Hospital, where she was taken for treatment following the crash.

First responders had initially resuscitated the unresponsive child at the scene after she was pulled from the wreck by good Samaritans and she was rushed via ambulance to the hospital. Both drivers were taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center for treatment and were released later the same day.



GETTY IMAGES



COURTESY THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM

MARTHA STOTSKY

## Martha Stotsky Joins Parrish as Deputy Director Arts Education

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Parrish Art Museum Executive Director Mónica Ramirez-Montagut announced December 19 that Martha Stotsky will join the Parrish as Deputy Director of Arts Education.

Formerly the education director at Project MOST in East Hampton, Stotsky brings extensive experience developing and leading art education programs for diverse student populations in New York, and primarily on the East End. She began her career in museum education at the Parrish, establishing a

variety of programs and partnerships that have endured for decades.

"Martha's collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to art education will be a great asset to the museum and its future," said Ramirez-Montagut. "I look forward to her tenure at the Parrish, where she will be charged with continuing the depth of our programs and expanding their breadth and impact on the many communities we serve."

For the past 13 years with Project MOST — an after-school and summer educational program for East Hampton families who want to enrich their children's lives — Stotsky directed and implemented an expansive education strategy. For nearly a decade prior to that, she was Art Historian and Cultural History Teacher at the Ross School in East Hampton.

A graduate of New York University with a degree in Art History, Stotsky is also a working artist who describes herself as "interested in providing students with authentic learning experiences that promote passion, intrinsic motivation and personal growth."



# NEWS & VIEWS

## East Side Access Enables One-Ticket Rides from Montauk to Poughkeepsie

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The debut of Grand Central Madison, as the Long Island Rail Road's new Manhattan station is called, will enable passenger travel from the East End to the Hudson Valley with one ticket.

The pilot program, called the "Combo Ticket," allows riders taking trips that involve transferring from the LIRR to Metro-North Railroad or vice versa to buy one discounted ticket instead of paying two separate fares.

"Riders choose their origination station with Grand Central as their destination and pay the regular fare plus a flat rate of \$8 for a continuing trip to any destination on the other railroad," the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said in a news release. The \$11 billion project connecting the LIRR to Grand Central — the first extension of the nation's busiest commuter railroad in more than a century — has been plagued with delays, but service is expected to officially begin in early 2023.

Before the new 750,000-square-foot station opens, train passengers traveling between Long Island and New York City's northern suburbs had to either take subways, taxis or walk about a mile between Penn Station and Grand Central. Instead, riders using both the LIRR and Metro North will just have to walk from one train platform to another at Grand Central.

Limited service to Grand Central is expected to begin in the coming weeks with shuttles between Jamaica before the schedule of direct trains becomes available.



THE MTA FINALLY CONCEDED THAT GRAND CENTRAL MADISON WILL NOT FULLY OPEN TO PASSENGERS THIS YEAR.



ARTIST'S RENDERINGS OF POTENTIAL TOWN SQUARE THAT INCLUDES A RIVERFRONT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, NEAR THE EAST END ARTS COUNCIL

## NY Grants \$10M for Downtown Riverhead Revitalization

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

New York State officials issued \$10 million in Downtown Revitalization Initiative award grants to the Town of Riverhead to fund eight projects intended to revitalize downtown Riverhead, officials announced on December 20.

The awards will enhance streetscapes and public spaces, expand arts and cultural activity, as well as increase housing and business opportunities in the region, officials said.

"These investments will create a more walkable, vibrant downtown that will benefit generations of New Yorkers who call Riverhead home," Gov. Kathy Hochul said.

The state awarded another \$10 million in DRI to the Village of Amityville the same day.

In Riverhead, the DRI grants that fund public spaces are \$3.2 million for the project to build a new town square connecting Main Street and the Peconic Riverfront with a park, \$245,000 for a playground at Peconic Park, \$750,000 to improve pedestrian safety on Main Street and \$250,000 to construct a floating boat launch facility in the Peconic River with space to maneuver and launch crew boats.

Riverhead's DRI grants for cultural facilities are \$250,000 to have local artists build permanent public artwork downtown, \$2 million to expand The Suffolk theater and \$215,000 to build a new entrance and welcome center for the library.

And Riverhead's DRI grants for housing and business opportunities are \$2.7 million to create a new mixed-used development consisting of workforce housing and retail/commercial space lining a public parking structure on Griffing Avenue.

"For millions around the world, this is the season for believing," Riverhead Supervisor Yvette Aguiar said. "Thank you, Governor Hochul, for believing in the future of downtown Riverhead."

## Planned East Hampton Airport Reforms to be Studied

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Town of East Hampton officials are making a second pass at a disputed attempt to impose new flight restrictions at East Hampton Airport to mitigate neighbors' noise complaints. In laying the groundwork for a redo of its prior effort, the town board passed resolutions to prepare an environmental impact statement studying how such restrictions could impact the environs surrounding the Wainscott airport, and

scheduled a public hearing on the topic.

"Permanent closure of East Hampton Airport as an alternative will also be studied," East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc said while reading the resolution during the December 15 meeting.

The restrictions the town has been considering would limit the types of aircraft, setting curfew on arrivals and departures, and restricting lead-based fuel, among other measures.

The town's prior bid to make such changes have drawn seven lawsuits filed by more than 30 plaintiffs combined. One of those lawsuits was dropped last month after a Suffolk County court judge issued an injunction, which the town is appealing, that bars East Hampton Town from temporarily closing the airport to enact its new rules without first performing an environmental review.

The town scheduled the public hearing on its environmental review for January 17, with written comments being accepted through January 22.



## DAN'S COLUMN

# Owning the Empire State Building

BY DAN RATTINER

For about 10 years, I owned the Empire State Building in Manhattan. Or I was one of the owners. Or I thought I was.

I had always been a big fan of this building. When it was built, which was almost a century ago, it was taller than any other building anywhere. It also became, along with the Statue of Liberty, the symbol of New York City, which was now the greatest city in the world. For the next 50 years, the city continued to lead the world, and this building remained the tallest. The city led in finance, advertising, trade, politics, fashion, education, sports, industry and the arts. It was selected as the headquarters of the United Nations when the time came. We had Broadway, two world's fairs, the New York Yankees, the Great White Way, the Met, Greenwich Village, Central Park. New York was even the most populous city in the world. And looming over it all, looking down benevolently, was the unmatched Empire State Building — 102 stories high.

I often wrote about the Empire State Building in this newspaper. After World War II, a flier flew into it by mistake. He died. Guess he couldn't imagine anything being that high. The back of his plane, a war plane, stuck out from the 78th floor for a while. But then it was fixed. King Kong fought his last while hanging on to the top of the Empire State Building. The dirigible Los Angeles tied up to its mast. On another occasion, somebody jumped off the 86th floor observation balcony. After that, barriers were put in to keep others from also doing that. Then came television and cable and, of course, their aerials had to be placed on the mast of the Empire State Building, bringing it even higher.

And, it had an amazing history. It was built around the same time as the Chrysler Building. And the two buildings, going up and up and up, battled to see which one could end up taller than the other. In the end, the Empire State Building won. Workmen who had built it in just an astonishing 13 months, at the last minute, as a finishing touch, raised it a few feet higher than the Chrysler Building. Walter Chrysler conceded.

In 1980, after the Twin Towers were erected to a height of 110 stories and I wrote in *Dan's Papers* that the Empire State Building still ruled because the Twin Towers looked like a couple of pathetic Wheaties boxes, I received a remarkable letter.

It came from the people who owned the Empire State Building. They'd been following all that I'd written. They were very pleased. Enclosed was a card identifying me as an honorary officer in the company that owned the Empire State Building. I could flash this card, and it would entitle me to enjoy all the privileges and courtesies of the Empire State Building that officials of the company were allowed. I could go up to the company



offices. I could go up to the top anytime. (There were long lines at the elevators to get up there, and you had to pay to get up.) Flash the card and I'd be escorted to the front of the line. I could get into the private club up top. When they had events there, I would be invited. They also told me they intended to bathe the building in colored lights at night from time to time. And there would be an exclusive press release sent to me shortly. I'd be the first one to get it.

I was overwhelmed. I wrote back and thanked them. I told them they should have appropriately different colors on different holidays, and they should have the building lit all the time, not just part of the time. And some of the lights should blink on and off. The building should continue as it had, as, along with the Statue of Liberty, the two unchallenged landmark structures in the city of New York.

They did the lights as I suggested. I don't know if they did them because of me. But it seemed that they did. Of course, I soon arranged to go there. The card worked like magic. It got me to the front of the line. But there was a wait. Turned out, I was waiting for the special guide assigned to me. I got a private tour. Went to the club up top. People shook my hand. When I asked to meet my partners, they told me they weren't there that day. But they'd tell them I'd been there. I was so happy.

The owners and I continued to write back and forth. I made suggestions. And they wrote back

that all was much appreciated. And I continued to visit it and write about it. The Empire State was supreme.

Then one day about 1991, I went there and was told my VIP card wouldn't work anymore. The building had been sold. I was to now be treated like anybody else. They pointed to the end of the line.

I was angry. "Don't you know who I am?" I yelled. "You should check." Nobody had told me about any of this. I demanded a meeting with the new owners. The new owners, it turned out, were not interested in me. My anger turned to despair. This wasn't fair. I was actually being evicted!

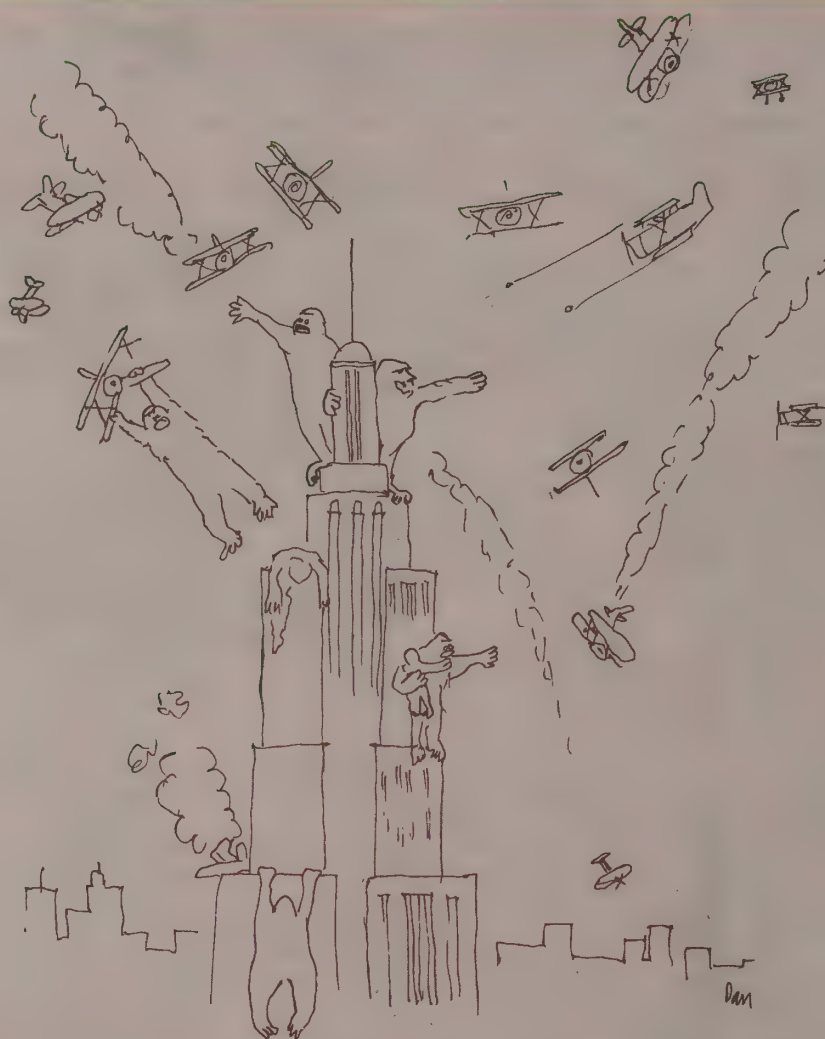
Friends told me life was like that. I should get used to it. After all, there was nothing I could do about it.

But even to this day, sometimes, when in the city, I'll look up and — even though taller buildings have been built in Chicago, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Dubai and even back here in New York City, as ridiculous-looking needle-tall apartment buildings on Park Avenue and on 58th street for Russian oligarchs went up a few feet higher than the Empire State — I'd get a pang of remorse and spend a day or two brooding.

Only after the Freedom Tower was built nearly twice the height of the Empire State Building, did I finally get over it.

But yes, there was a time I owned the Empire State Building.

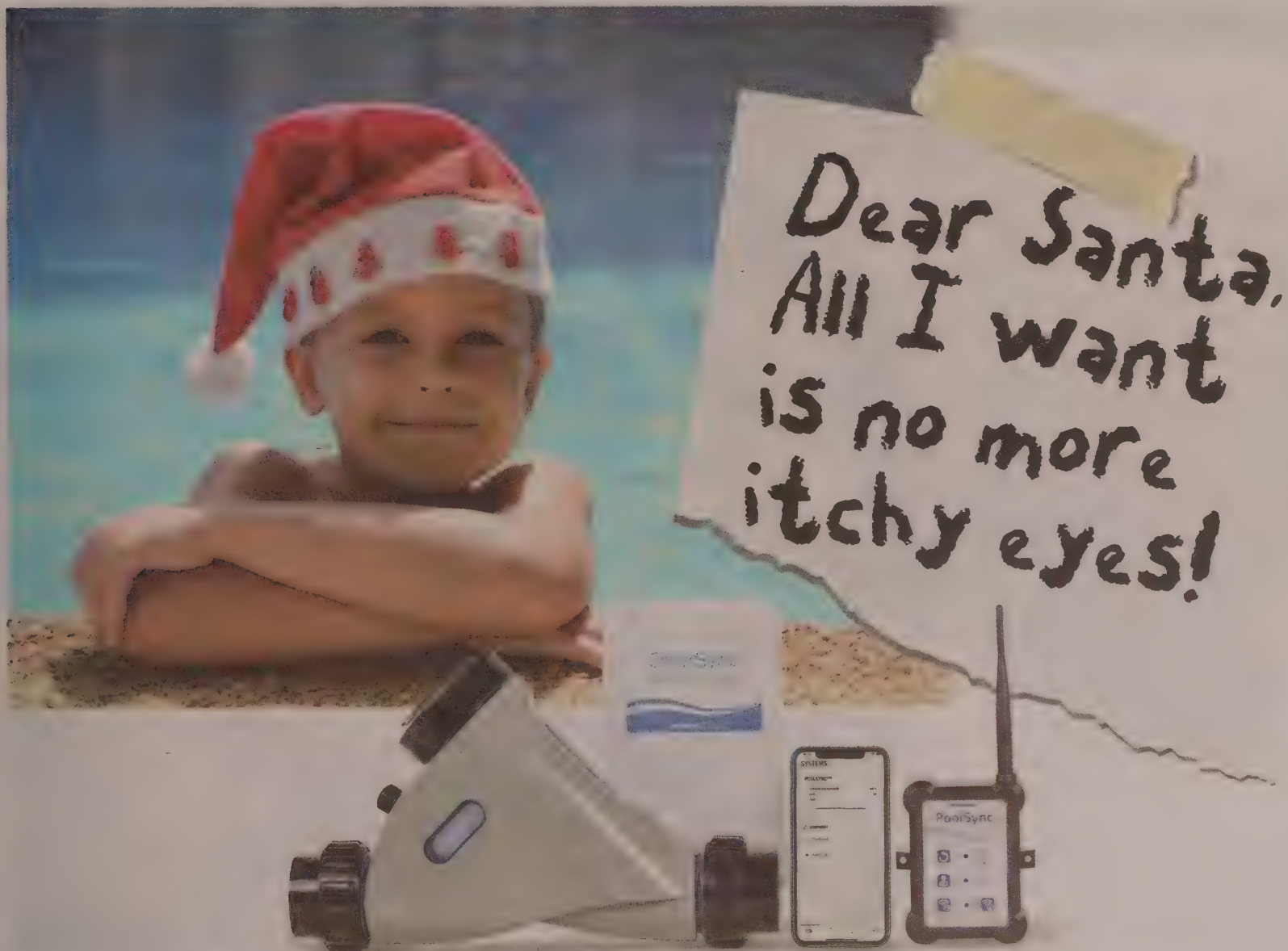
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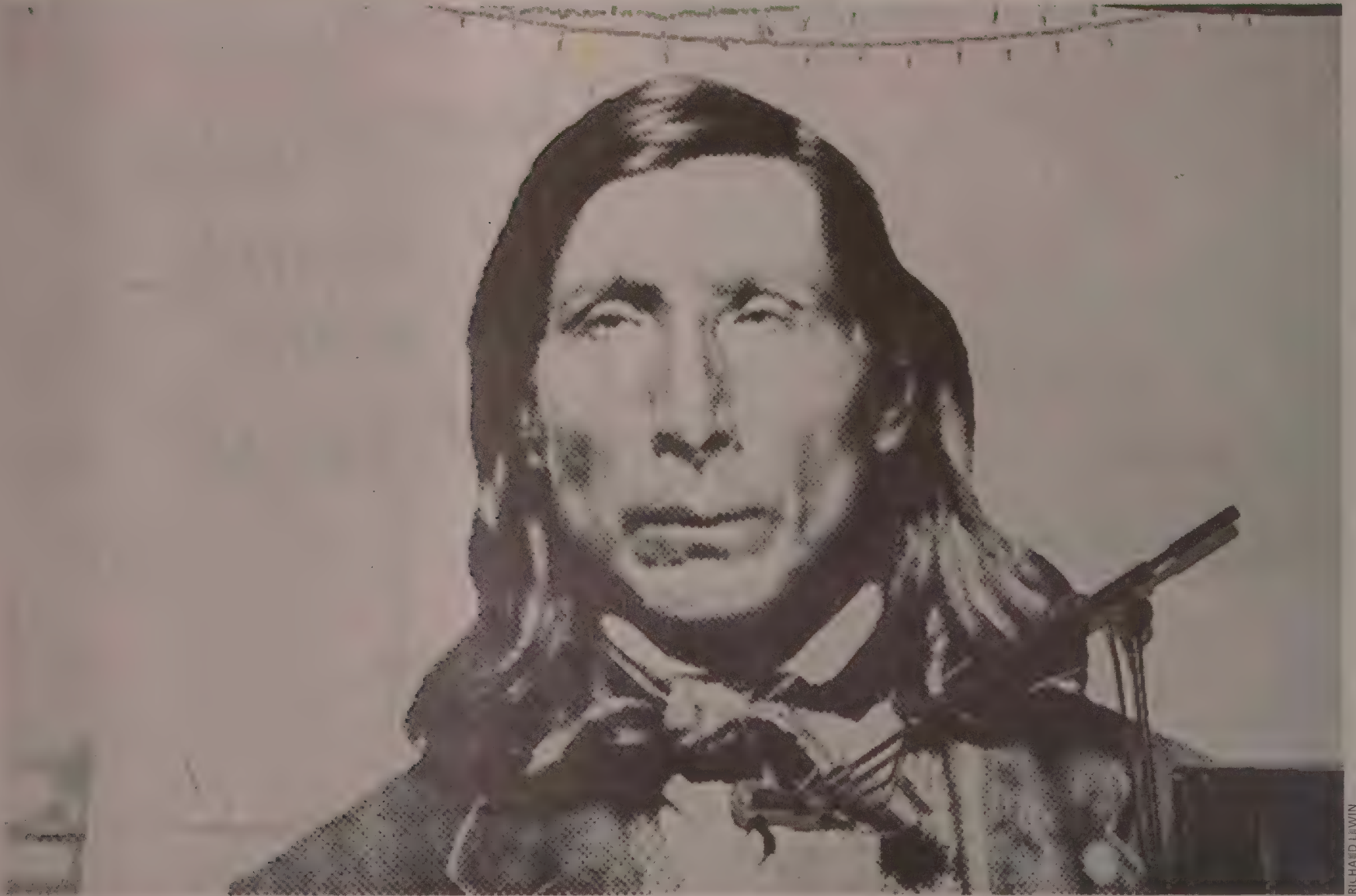


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MURAL OF MONTAUKETT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

RICHARD LEWIN

# Montaukett Struggle: Hochul Vetoes Latest Bid to Recognize East End Tribe

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Montaukett Indian Nation's hopes were dashed that New York State would finally correct the injustice dating back more than a century in which a judge erroneously declared the tribe was extinct.

But despite the fact that Gov. Kathy Hochul vetoed on December 17 a bill that would have granted state recognition to the Montauketts, tribal leaders remained optimistic they will finally gain their long-sought status in 2023. The tribe also plans to build on their momentum and seek federal recognition, its leaders told *Dan's Papers*.

"In January we are going to file a letter of intent with the federal government," says Sandi Brewster-Walker, the executive director and government affairs officer for the tribe. She

noted that tribal members met with the Hochul administration after the veto to move the process forward.

If successful, the Montaukett Indian Nation would be the third Native American tribe on Long Island to win state recognition and the first to do so in more than two centuries. The state formally recognized the Shinnecock Indian Nation, whose territory is in Southampton, in 1792 and the federal government followed suit in 2010. The Unkechaug Indian Nation, who call the Poospatuck Reservation in Mastic home, were recognized by the state in 1777, but have not won federal recognition. The Shinnecock and Unkechaug are among nine tribes recognized statewide.

The bill Hochul vetoed would have effectively granted tribal recognition to the Montauketts, who have been

fighting for acknowledgement since the tribe lost a Suffolk County court ruling in which a judge stripped them of their land and declared the tribe extinct 112 years ago.

The state Legislature passed the same bill in 2013, 2017 and 2018, but then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo vetoed it, arguing the state Department of State (DOS) should conduct the administrative process and make the final determination despite legislative precedent of granting Indian nation recognition. Nearly a decade later, DOS has yet to make its determination.

Tribal leaders and supporters were hopeful that the change of administration — Hochul's old boss Cuomo resigned amid a sexual harassment scandal last year before she was elected to keep the job last month — would help their chances of the bill being

signed into law. But the new governor pumped the brakes.

"Since 2018, the Department of State (has) received documentation from two different groups of individuals, both declaring to be the Montaukett Indians," Hochul wrote in her veto message. "While both groups have begun to participate in the acknowledgement process, to date, neither group has provided the (DOS) with necessary information requested from each group. This bill would have the (DOS) bypass its thorough and careful consideration and instead grant state recognition to one of the groups petitioning for recognition."

State lawmakers who represent the East End and fought for the bill were not pleased.

"The historic injustice done to the Montauketts when their very exis-



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tence was denied by a state court over 100 years ago is obvious for all to see," said state Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. (D-Sag Harbor). "The governor had the opportunity to right this wrong once and for all and turned away. The failure to recognize the Montauketts will remain a stain on New York's history and this governor's legacy until it is finally corrected."

State Senator Anthony Palumbo (R-New Suffolk) agreed.

"I was very disappointed to learn that Governor Hochul has vetoed legislation ... which would have granted state recognition and acknowledgement of the Montaukett Indians," said Palumbo. "The bipartisan measure passed unanimously in the State Senate this year and we were hopeful that the new governor would finally sign this important legislation into law, after it was vetoed ... by her predecessor. I will continue to fight for this legislation and work to address this historic injustice and provide the Montaukett Indians with the recognition they deserve."

Hochul left the door open in her veto message to try again.

"Vetoing this bill does not preclude (people) with Montaukett heritage from continuing to practice their customs and traditions and teach their progeny the values of their culture, or from supplying the persistent information requested by the (DOS)," she wrote. "My administration urges all individuals who believe they should be formally recognized as Montaukett Indians to continue to work with the (DOS) and provide the necessary documentation through the existing process."

Montaukett Chief Robert Pharaoh took it in stride.

"Another year added to our struggle to right a wrong," he wrote in response to the news. "During our 113-year ... fight for reinstatement, our Montaukett Indian Nation will continue to work with the State of New York on the issue of our recognition/reinstatement; to give NYS Governor Hochul any additional information on the history of our nation and people, so she can make her historic decision."

The bill was one of three pertaining to the East End that Hochul vetoed on the same day. She also vetoed a bill that would prohibit deer hunting on state lands adjacent to a wildlife rehabilitation center in the Town of Southampton, where there is an abundant population of white-tailed deer.

"Hunting opportunities are already heavily regulated in Suffolk County, and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has the statu-



MONTAUKETT INDIAN NATION CHIEF ROBERT PHARAOH

*"Another year added to our struggle to right a wrong," said Montaukett Chief Robert Pharaoh*

tory authority to regulate hunting in New York," she wrote in her message on the deer bill. "This bill would undermine DEC's statutory authority over wildlife governance and would establish a problematic precedent."

Thiele blasted that veto as well.

"There can be little doubt that the permitting of hunting adjacent to the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Center has presented a threat to public safety which has existed for years," he said. "Most notably, was the incident a year ago when a deer was shot on the center's property and bullet holes were found in occupied buildings and structures on the center's property. The state (DEC) refused to eliminate this inherent conflict. Now the state

DEC is behind the veto of this common sense legislation to avoid another life threatening incident."

Palumbo echoed the assemblyman's sentiment.

"While I understand the governor's concerns, this bill would have provided an important buffer for the animal sanctuary," said Palumbo. "As we work to reduce the region's deer population, it is important to take a balanced approach — one that keeps residents safe while enhancing efforts to protect farmers, motorists and local residents from deer and the tick-borne illnesses they spread."

The third East End bill the governor vetoed aimed to promote the leasing of certain state-owned underwater

lands for seaweed cultivation.

"Last year, I signed a bill that amended the Environmental Conservation Law to authorize seaweed cultivation in underwater lands ceded to Suffolk County in Gardiner's and Peconic Bay," she wrote in that veto message, noting that Suffolk's pilot program for kelp cultivation runs through 2026. "There is currently no commercial scale for seaweed cultivation in New York. Assessing potential environmental impacts, commercial and recreational user conflicts and spatial planning must be undertaken before leasing is considered on state-owned underwater lands."

Theile said the bill would further promote a growing industry that can help restore water quality and fish habitats on the East End.

"As New York continues to fight climate change and nitrogen pollution, this bill would have allowed more kelp farmers and local enterprises to participate in a growing industry that can provide substantial environmental benefits for the state," he said. "The governor's decision to veto this legislation is a missed opportunity to boost our economy and create new jobs for our maritime businesses."



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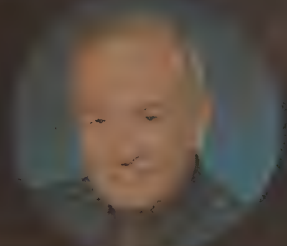
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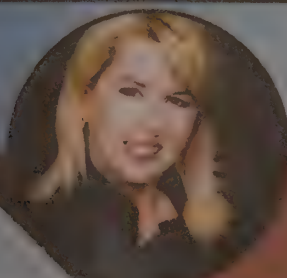
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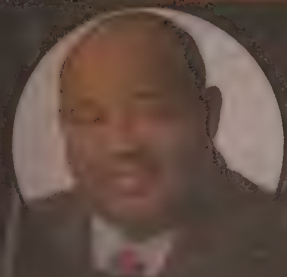
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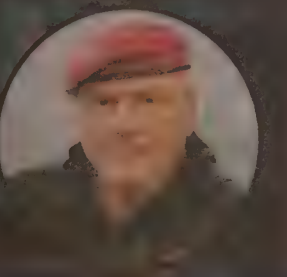
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## Quogue Oceanfront Home Sells for \$12 Million



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THE OCEANFRONT HOUSE AT 214 DUNE ROAD IN QUOGUE SOLD FOR \$12 MILLION ON DECEMBER 15, 2022.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

An oceanfront retreat in Quogue Village sold last week for \$12 million.

The sale of 214 Dune Road closed on Thursday, December 15. Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman had the exclusive listing and also brought the buyer to the deal. The last asking price was \$13.9 million.

"This is a magnificently built house — everything that could have been done is and it's all been beautifully executed," Morabito says.

"Ultimately, the buyer walked in and just imme-

diately fell in love," he says. "On the high end, it's all about strategic advertising and getting the right person in the door. The perfect match is worth the wait, and we're really happy with what we accomplished here for both our buyer and seller."

The real estate market west of the canal, especially on the ocean, is "hot," Morabito adds. "If anyone is really trying to buy, my advice is that they better buy now. Value in areas like Quogue, West Hampton Beach and East Quogue are not going to go down in any market."

The 1.4-acre gated property with 103 feet of

ocean frontage first went on the market for \$16 million and had been on the market for about a year and a half.

There is an 8,038-square-foot main residence with an expansive deck around a heated pool and spa. In addition to the ocean views, there are views of Penniman Creek and the surrounding conserved land across Dune Road.

Built in 2004 with luxury touches throughout, the main house features six en suite bedrooms and a total of eight full baths and one half bath, including a primary bedroom suite with double closets and baths and its own oceanfront balcony.

A cabana-style guest cottage features a half bath, a kitchen and an outdoor shower.

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AN AERIAL VIEW OF 214 DUNE ROAD IN QUOGUE



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## How To Prevent Costly Winter Damage

The two biggest things homeowners can do to prevent winter weather from causing costly damage is reduce the risk of ice dams and take action to keep pipes from bursting.

To reduce the risk of ice dams, insulate and ventilate attic space. The underlying cause of ice dams is a warm roof. Attics should be properly ventilated to carry away warm air and all points where warm air may leak up into the attic should be sealed.

To prevent burst pipes, install a water shut-off device. This technology monitors your home's water flow and automatically shuts off your main water valve when a suspected leak is detected.

If you plan to be away from home, open cabinets under faucets, especially near exterior walls, to allow warm air from the living space to circulate in enclosed areas. While traveling, have a relative, neighbor, contractor or caretaker periodically check your unoccupied home for temperature and leaks.

Keep consistent interior temperature: Maintain a consistent interior temperature of at least 65°F during the winter, especially when you are away from home.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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Amagansett	Carrie & Evan Halpern	East Out LLC	57 Treasure Island Drive	Residence	10/04/22	3,350,000
	Adios Holdings LLC	Matthew & Nicole Ammirati	89 Bay View Avenue	Residence	10/07/22	3,000,000
Aquebogue	Carmela Starace Trust	Mitchell & Dawn Eskew	110 Colonial Drive	Residence	09/09/22	700,000
Baiting Hollow	Davor & Kelly Milevoj	Nina Brodsky	54 Linda Lane West	Residence	09/23/22	987,000
	Beth & Stephen Springston	John Gordon	10 Harper Road	Residence	09/19/22	652,000
	Jasmina Shane	Douglas Toledo	107 Fox Hill Drive	Condo	10/04/22	540,000
Bridgehampton	James & Joann Gallo	770 Ocean Road Properties LLC	770 Ocean Road	Residence	09/22/22	17,000,000
	Birchwood Ventures LLC	Mark Zegen	62 Birchwood Lane	Residence	09/23/22	3,949,850
Calverton	Robin Gibbs	RDI LLC	451 Edwards Avenue	Residence	11/15/21	1,642,000
	Lori DiNizio	Manuel Lozado	37 Wildwood Drive	Residence	09/16/22	455,000
	Robin Gibbs	RDI LLC	Edwards Avenue	Vacant	11/15/21	250,000
Cutchogue	Erik & Tracy Voigt	NoFo NDS LLC	12600 New Suffolk Avenue	Residence	08/23/22	7,250,000
	New Suffolk Properties LLC	West Creek Marina LLC	3350 West Creek Avenue	Commercial	09/30/22	3,234,000
	Christopher & Jana Feeney	Lucy Wohltman	4955 Moores Lane	Residence	10/01/22	1,550,000
	Virginia Asip Trust	Richard Sachs	8255 Bridge Lane	Residence	10/05/22	999,999
	Estate of Leander Glover	Early Rising Farm LLC	1555 Cox Lane	Vacant	02/23/21	910,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Robert Aller	5 Farmstead Court	Condo	10/05/22	880,000
	Rimor Development LLC	John & Eileen McCarthy	9 Farmstead Court	Condo	09/15/22	808,220
	Sawastynowicz Family Trust	Alexander Compagno	1100 Alvahs Lane	Residence	09/09/22	799,000
	Tracy White	Early Rising Farm LLC	1622 Cox Lane	Vacant	04/14/22	563,155
	H & S Assocs Realty LLC	1235 Sterling Lane LLC	1235 Sterling Lane	Vacant	08/18/22	300,000
East Hampton	Constance Zeckendorf	186 Skimhampton Owner LLC	186 Skimhampton Road	Residence	09/19/22	6,500,000
	Jeffrey & Madeleine Grant	Stuart & Barbara Strauss	43 Thanet Way	Residence	07/07/22	4,495,000
	EERD LLC	Elizabeth & David Hinden	12 High Point Road	Residence	09/28/22	3,355,000
	Kerith J Aronow	Maria Wolos	211 Swamp Road	Residence	09/02/22	2,800,000
	Gary & Mary DeAmario	Pamela & Edward McDonald	69 Cove Hollow Road	Residence	09/21/22	2,799,000
	Snapper Holdings IV LLC	16 TMHD LLC	16 Three Mile Harbor Drive	Residence	06/24/22	2,500,000
	Snapper Holdings III LLC	14 TMHD LLC	14 Three Mile Harbor Drive	Residence	06/24/22	2,170,000
	Ellen & Tyler Hawes	Sara Kessler	153 Pembroke Drive	Residence	08/29/22	1,725,000
	Howard A Herman	Milton Rodriguez	214 Treescap Drive	Residence	10/07/22	1,600,000
	Estate of Richard Dittmer	GV Mulford Avenue LLC	Mulford Avenue	Vacant	08/02/22	1,200,000
	Barbara Fanning	Aremanoro Niles	794 Accabonac Road	Residence	09/23/22	1,150,000
	Laura G DeCastro	Brendan Dwyer	7 Kings Court	Residence	09/26/22	910,000
	Anita Sheldon Trust	Aidan Arnone	35 Fanning Avenue	Residence	10/03/22	900,000
	David & Gail Webb	Ellen Canny	2 Treescap Drive Apt 1C	Condo	09/15/22	867,500
	Snapper Holdings II LLC	12 TMHD LLC	12 Three Mile Harbor Drive	Residence	06/24/22	825,000
	Paul & Peter Wong	Adriana Edelman	24 Maidstone Park Road	Residence	09/14/22	400,000
	Theodore M Pappas	ANF Associates LLC	120 Harbor Blvd	Vacant	09/29/22	360,000
	Jennifer & William Fowkes	Richardson Court LLC	2 President Street	Residence	11/07/22	25,000
East Marion	Manfred & Kathy Fuchs	George & Fotini Dourmas	1070 Willow Drive	Residence	12/28/21	825,000
East Quogue	Leonard Kaplan	Sarv 13 Properties LLC	31 West Side Avenue	Residence	09/13/22	350,000
Fishers Island	Paul & Carol Giles	Fishers Island Club Inc	322 Avenue B	Residence	10/01/22	650,000
	Hound Lane LLC	Fort Wright Bakery LLC	301 Hound Lane	Commercial	09/07/22	575,000
Flanders	Insourc East Properties Inc	Night & Day Properties LLC	15 Reeves Bay Trail	Residence	03/28/22	240,000
Greenport	Stelios Tatsis	Wyandanch Real Estate Corp	950 Tasker Lane	Vacant	09/29/22	525,000
Hampton Bays	Lawrence & Kathryn Luce	Niki Koulobubini	47 Penny Lane	Residence	10/18/22	1,800,000
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	Maria D Silecchia	Wilson Ordonez	4 Squires Blvd	Residence	09/16/22	900,000
	Duane & Margaret Pugsley	Carlos Barrera	15 Stonewood Lane	Residence	09/02/22	680,000
	John & Mary Creaser	John Pescatore	103 Bay Avenue East	Residence	07/06/22	530,000
	John & Mary Creaser	Ezequias De Oliveria	1 North Westbury Road	Vacant	07/06/22	200,000
	Joseph Janis	Viktor Gachynsky	1519 Main Road	Vacant	10/04/22	340,000
	Garrett & Margaret DeGraff	Adam Glick	4155 Aldrich Lane Extension	Residence	09/22/22	2,400,000
	Oasis at Mattituck Corp	Maya Peleg	2900 Stanley Road	Residence	06/21/22	1,725,000
	Oasis at Mattituck Corp	Carl Schiff	3125 Stanley Road	Residence	09/13/22	1,690,000
	Lascelle Family Trust	Nikelle & Frances Bisantz	555 East Legion Avenue	Residence	09/24/22	953,600
Montauk	Felix Orlowski Trust	Kenneth Corrigan	615 Mayflower Road	Residence	09/13/22	700,000
	Estate of Micheal Lovett	James Miller	1365 Bay Avenue	Residence	08/25/22	402,000
	Zenith Property Group LLC	Oasis at Mattituck Corp	2900 Stanley Road	Vacant	06/01/22	275,000
	Brooklyn Timber LLC	Oasis at Mattituck Corp	3125 Stanley Road	Vacant	09/01/22	275,000
	Marie T Erwin	Brian Bigos	10 Prentice Place	Residence	09/26/22	2,300,000
	James & Lynne Williams	Alfred Capra	235 Fairview Avenue	Residence	09/22/22	1,349,000
	Estate of Rick Davidson	Nancy Stearns	39 Tyndall Road	Residence	11/11/22	450,000
	Jeannette Obser	Paramount Development Group Inc	46 Jessup Avenue	Residence	09/26/22	865,000
	Richard J Kostyra	Seymour & Nancy Blechman	5 Horse Shoe Lane	Residence	10/21/22	2,900,000
	Jason & Jennifer Ciamillo	Devon & Kevin Clayland	29 Matthews Drive	Residence	09/12/22	835,000
North Haven Quogue Remsenburg	Barry Klecan Trust	Bo & Rebecca Rappa	2 Riverview Drive	Residence	09/01/22	749,000
	Shirley Carter	Thomas Conti	5 Oishei Road	Vacant	08/01/22	175,000
	Catherine Curcio	Benigno Isaia	264 Arrowhead Avenue	Residence	09/16/22	540,000
	JRE & C LLC	Sinchi Dreams Realty Inc	727 Mill Road	Residence	10/05/22	375,000
	Keshav Lewis	Jennifer Soccorsi	72 Laurel Lane	Residence	09/09/22	2,350,000
	William Betts	Jabasi6 LLC	16 William Street	Residence	09/26/22	2,200,000
	William Kistler	Michael Green	608 Sagaponack Main Street	Residence	09/12/22	7,600,000
	Jerry Passaretti	Andrew Rossman	114 Old Farm Road	Residence	09/01/22	6,450,000
	Christo Karvounis	Gregory Breitbart	35 Sagg Road	Residence	10/06/22	2,050,000
	Caroline Barsoum	Todd Snyder	122 Toppings Path	Residence	10/04/22	1,795,000
Riverhead	George & Elizabeth White	County of Suffolk	Artists Lane	Residence	09/02/22	2,500,000
	Estate of Janet Stein	2 Meadow LLC	2 Meadow Lane	Vacant	09/13/22	30,000,000
	William Finneran Trust	233 Gin Lane LLC	233 Gin Lane	Residence	10/21/22	26,000,000
	Estate of Whitney Stevens	468 First Neck Lane LLC	468 First Neck Lane	Residence	09/30/22	9,850,000
	31 Rosko Developer LLC	Niharika & Beat Cabiallavetta	31 Rosko Drive	Residence	10/11/22	7,300,000
	Jorge Ribeiro	Carol Le	38 Peconic Hills Drive	Residence	06/02/22	2,425,000
	John & Lisa McMahon	Gloria Faraci	1521 Noyack Road	Residence	10/14/22	999,000
	Christine Telford	142 Shore Road LLC	142 Shore Road	Residence	09/16/22	880,000
	Joan Heinz	Edgar Pineda	29 Fern Road	Residence	10/07/22	825,000
	SREE Holdings Inc	Amy Spizuoco	50 Hubbard Lane Unit 34	Condo	08/23/22	790,000
Sag Harbor	Dorothy Murray	David & Shirley Grill	1180 Corey Creek Lane	Residence	09/13/22	1,250,000
	Karen Quinones	Michael Rodd	900 Yennecott Drive	Residence	06/24/22	799,000
	Mark Lazarovic	31 East Properties LLC	65 Grove Road	Residence	09/29/22	685,000
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Honoring This Week's Cover Artist: Carol Luz



CAROL LUZ WITH HER PAINTINGS SEEN ON OUR JULY 15 AND APRIL 8, 2022 ISSUES AT ART IN THE PARK 2022

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's fun, festive cover art comes to us from Carol Luz, who has certainly been on a roll with three *Dan's Papers* covers this year. Here, she discusses the origin of her piece "A Christmas Story," spending the holidays with her adorable dogs and where to see her work this season.

**What is the name of this piece, and what inspired you to paint it?**

The name of this piece is "A Christmas Story." Max and Lucy inspired me to paint this painting. It's that time of year again, Max and Lucy needed holiday cards, so they posed for me on the green chair reading their favorite Christmas book. I'm seriously thinking about doing a book on "Santa Paws and a Cat Named Rudolph." The animals need their own Santa.

**How did you decide on this painting's composition, colors and other design details?**

I knew I wanted Max and Lucy in a chair reading a book. I put the window behind them to show Santa Paws flying past the moon. The colors I wanted to

be cozy and warm, since Max and Lucy are inside snuggled together reading a book. I love how the cat came out.

**What do you enjoy most about the painting process?**

What I enjoy most about the painting process is the story being told. Love a good story. It must be humorous. That's the beginning of my process, is to come up with a good story. Then the composition comes together, then the painting, and the painting ...

**What adventures have your dogs been getting up to lately?**

Do you know that I hid their Christmas gifts in a box, covered by other items, in another room? And Judy found them! I turn around, and there she is trotting around in the house squeaking her new toy. She was all proud of herself too. I felt bad I took it away from her. Now she stares up at her stocking on the fireplace. She knows ... Elroy just wants snacks.

**What do you enjoy most about the holiday season on the East End?**

I enjoy all the holiday decorations on the East



"MURPHY" BY CAROL LUZ



THE ORIGINAL "A CHRISTMAS STORY" BY CAROL LUZ, WHICH APPEARS CROPPED AND EDITED ON THE COVER OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2022 ISSUE

End. I love that we have a Christmas tree at Rogers Beach, and everyone writes something on a clam shell and hangs it on the tree. Everyone takes a selfie with the tree and posts it to their social media. It's fun.

**Looking back on 2022, what's something you learned about your art or about yourself as an artist?**

Looking back on 2022 something that I learned about myself as an artist is that people like my art and I need to get out there more and show it. I'm planning on doing a bunch of art shows this summer, and I'm hoping to get into the Armonk Outdoor Art Show in September 2023.

**Would you like to add any closing thoughts or additional info?**

Right now, I have some work on display at the Re-boli Center in Stony Brook until the second week of January. For more information, please see my website, [carolluzart.com](http://carolluzart.com). Happy holidays!

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# The best gifts are free

It's not often that both Chanukah and Christmas coincide and what a wonderful thing it is for all of us.

A big part of the holiday tradition is giving gifts, and in our family, we give gifts for every night of Chanukah. It's such a joyful experience.

Although gifts are fabulous to share, it is equally important to nurture our souls, so we may nurture others.

One of the things that struck me while driving around is that beauty is everywhere and sometimes the best gifts are free.

I think the fact that we have beautiful sights, starting with the picture-perfect blue sky and puffy clouds, is a great gift each day. Additionally, having the opportunity to observe local wildlife such as swans, ducks and even geese, although they're not very welcoming, is a gift. And then, of course, there are deer and wild turkeys roaming to enjoy from a distance.

These are all gifts to me and I wonder if we all can stop and

think about our surroundings and how the beauty that surrounds us enhances our lives. I'm grateful to appreciate nature, and its changing theme every day is a wonderful gift.

I don't know quite how that translates for children wanting "things," but I get it.

I'm happy to be giving, but the beauty around me has great nourishment. Sometimes the best things in life are free, like the smiles of children opening presents.

Our family celebrated the first of the eight days of Chanukah with my daughter Samantha serving her celebrated brunch, including my favorite bagels, lox and sable and traditional potato latkes (fried pancake patties), as well as her luscious, creamy French toast loaf.

It was truly delightful to see my grandkids gleefully opening their gifts. It gave me pleasure to buy them, but I got the best gift of all: their biggest smiles and hugs!

The best things in life are free, like the glee and pure joyful happiness on children's faces after they open their gifts!

While walking or driving through the neighborhood, it feels so good to see the sparkling lights on every street and the sincere smiles of holiday greetings I get and now send to you, my dear readers!

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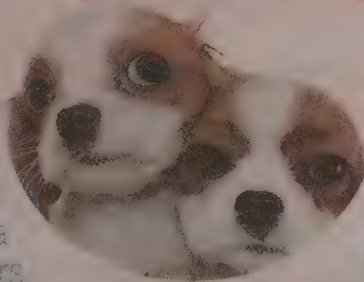
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## 23 East End New Year's Eve Events & Dinners to Welcome 2023



BY DAVID TAYLOR & HARRY POWERS

It's almost 2023, which means it's time to make your New Year's Eve plans. If you'll be dining or partying on the East End, consider these 23 enticing restaurants and bars.

### HAMPTONS

Consider celebrating New Year's Eve at **Good Ground Tavern at Canoe Place Inn & Cottages**. Festivities begin with a five-course feast including bone marrow soup and choice of local smoked duck breast or wood-grilled beef tenderloin. A Bûche de Noël from Canoe Place Inn's pastry chef provides a festive ending, and afterwards, guests can adjourn to the library to enjoy live jazz from the Front Row Trio, led by acclaimed vocalist and saxophonist Ken Fowser, before the ball drop and Champagne toast at midnight. Reservations are \$135 and required. 239 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-763-6300, canoeplace.com

Ring in the new year at **Cowfish** in Hampton Bays with a delicious four-course prix fixe, complimentary Champagne toast, DJ, dancing and balloon drop for \$85. The full Cowfish menu will be available in addition to the prix fixe until 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be placed for

a table downstairs by the dance floor or upstairs. 258 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-594-3868, cowfishrestaurant.com

Fans of sushi or steak may be best served heading to **Union Sushi & Steak** in Southampton for their New Year's Eve plans. The restaurant is offering a four-course prix fixe menu for \$89, but seating is limited so reservations at info@dineatunion.com are a must. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-377-3500, dineatunion.com

Take your pick from three exclusive **Southampton Social Club** New Year's Eve packages: the \$125 silver package with passed hors d'oeuvres and Champagne toast, the \$175 gold package with added four-course dinner or the \$225 platinum package with private table, bottle service and one bottle of premium vodka or tequila on top of the silver and gold benefits. The tunes will be provided by DJ Loki. 256 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-287-1400, southamptonsocialclub.com

The annual **Calissa** New Year's Eve party will feature a DJ spinning in the lounge, festive menu additions, an optional drink package and plenty of Champagne. The kitchen is open 5-11 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the DJ starts spinning and \$90 drink packages — standard spirits, wine, beer and a midnight Champagne toast — become

available. Dinner specials include lobster ravioli, dover sole, veal chop and raw bar additions. 1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-500-9292, calissahampton.com

**Jean-Georges at Topping Rose House** is hosting a sophisticated New Year's Eve dinner that includes caviar, three courses and Champagne. Don't wait to reserve a table. 1 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-808-2000, toppingrothouse.com

**Almond** in Bridgehampton will serve a special locally sourced four-course prix fixe menu in celebration of New Year's Eve on Saturday, December 31 beginning at 9 p.m. Guests will receive party favors, and a Champagne toast will be offered. Cost for the evening is \$135 per person. The a la carte menu will be offered earlier in the evening alongside holiday specials. The New Year's Eve menu features lobster lettuce wraps, venison bratwurst, tuna loin, cedar plank Hudson Valley steelhead and dry-aged rib of beef. 1 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton. 631-537-5665, almondrestaurant.com

**Baron's Cove** in Sag Harbor is hosting a New Year's Eve soirée to kick off 2023 in style. The prix fixe dinner offers two choices of seating times: 6 p.m. for \$125 or 9 p.m. for \$175. The menu includes options such as seared

local fois gras, lobster gnocchi, shallot-crusted seared tuna and roasted cauliflower steak. 31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2100, caperesorts.com/barons-cove

**Old Stove Pub** in Sagaponack has secured one of the East End's most popular bands, Hopefully Forgiven, to provide live entertainment for their New Year's Eve Silver & White Party. Guests who secure their seat for this reservations-only event will be treated to special four-course menu, Champagne toast, party favors and DJ at midnight. 3516 Montauk Highway, Sagaponack. 631-537-3300, oldstovepub.com

**The Clubhouse** in East Hampton is ringing in the new year in a big way with three talented musical acts: Dueling Pianos, the HooDoo Loungers and CK Beats. Tickets include passed hors d'oeuvres, specialty cocktails, table service, a complimentary welcome drink and a midnight toast. Doors open at 8 p.m. 174 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott. 631-537-2657, clubhousehamptons.com

**Nick & Toni's** in East Hampton will ring in 2023 with a special four-course chef's tasting menu on New Year's Eve. The four-course menu will cost \$135 per person, and a wine pairing menu will also be available. The evening will feature hats, noise mak-





ers, balloons, and guests will receive a gift from the Nick & Toni's pastry team. Reservations are recommended and can be made on Resy or by calling the restaurant. The four-course menu, subject to change, includes delicate squash, *agnellino*, free range chicken, prosciutto-wrapped monkfish and New York strip steak. 136 North Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-3550, [nickandtonis.com](http://nickandtonis.com)

**Rowdy Hall** is offering a la carte holiday specials for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The specials will be offered for both lunch and dinner on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The regular a la carte menu will also be available. Specials include a Cuban sandwich for New Year's Eve lunch, classic eggs Benedict for New Year's Day lunch and baby lamb chops for dinner both days. 10 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-8555, [rowdyhall.com](http://rowdyhall.com)

Adults age 21 and over can ring in the new year in style at **The Stephen Talkhouse**, Amagansett's iconic music venue, with a party starring crowd-favorite band Hello Brooklyn. Tickets are \$50, and the show starts at 10 p.m. 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, [stephentalkhouse.com](http://stephentalkhouse.com)

At Midnight in Montauk — the **Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa** New Year's Eve party — attendees can enjoy live music by the band Reign, passed canapés, a premium open bar and a special toast to 2023 for \$195 per ticket. Canapé menu items include house-made

cowboy caviar chips, lobster BLT, pepper-crusted NY strip, spinach and cheese empanadas, and more. Those looking for more of a sit-down dining experience should consider the over-the-top, five-course meal served in the Scarpetta Beach dining room. It's \$150 for adults and teens and \$85 for kids 11 and under. 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, [gurneysresorts.com/montauk](http://gurneysresorts.com/montauk)

#### NORTH FORK

With dinner seatings from 5–7 p.m. for \$100 and 8–9:30 p.m. for \$168, dance-worthy music by Lovett Entertainment and a Champagne toast at midnight, the **Southold Social** New Year's Eve party is shaping up to be an exciting welcoming to 2023. Prix fixe options include grilled salmon, Barolo braised short ribs and Crescent Farm duck confit. 56125 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-8888, [southoldsocial.com](http://southoldsocial.com)

Southold's new **Little Fish** is hosting dinner service every night at 5 p.m., December 26–31, and they're capping off their "holiday break" week with a celebratory New Year's Eve dinner served with a complimentary Champagne toast at midnight, a late-night bar and live music. 50 North Sea Drive, Southold. 631-765-8756, [littlefishnofo.com](http://littlefishnofo.com)

One of the more affordable New Year's Eve dining options out there is **aMano** in Mattituck. At \$70, the menu includes an antipasti, secondi and dolci, with options including

lobster bisque, burrata salad, crab-stuffed salmon, potato-crusted cod, steak frites, chicken scarpa and flourless chocolate cake. 13550 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4800, [amanorestaurant.com](http://amanorestaurant.com)

A five-course New Year's Eve prix fixe awaits diners at **The Halyard at Sound View** — options including venison terrine, butter-poached cod, wet aged beef striploin and stuffed lobster tail. Seatings are \$85 from 5–6 p.m. and \$95 from 8–9 p.m. A wine pairing option is available for an additional \$65. A la carte pricing is also available for prix fixe menu items. Completing the night is live music by Foster Europe Band. 58775 Route 48 Greenport. 631-477-0666, [thehalyardgreenport.com](http://thehalyardgreenport.com)

Not much of a night owl? Ring in the new year at the **Long Island Aquarium** Fishes & Wishes New Year's Eve Party this Saturday, 6:30–11 p.m. Bring the whole family for the ice cream bar, crafts, DJ and mock midnight toast. Tickets are \$135 for adults and teens, \$80 for kids 3–12, and \$10 for tykes younger than that. 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, [longislandaquarium.com](http://longislandaquarium.com)

Relive the disco days of Studio 54 with That '70s Band at **The Suffolk** in Riverhead. Dance your way into 2023 with the music of Earth, Wind & Fire, the Commodores, Donna Summer, KC and the Sunshine Band, Chic and the Bee Gees. The \$125 ticket nets ticketholders one-night only menu offerings, specialty cocktails,

hats and noisemakers, access to the dance floor, a livestream of the Times Square Ball Drop and a complimentary Champagne toast at midnight. Doors open at 9 p.m. 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, [suffolktheater.com](http://suffolktheater.com)

**East Wind Long Island** in Wading River has two unique ways to celebrate the coming of the new year. From 5–9 p.m., Desmond's is hosting a three-course prix fixe dinner for the whole family. Priced at \$65, the prix fixe includes options of pistachio-crusted rack of lamb, crispy fried whole snapper, crispy half chicken, spinach stuffed flounder roulade, burrata mezzaluna ravioli and ramen bowl pulled pork. Adults 21 and over without kids may prefer the New Year's Eve Gala in the Grand Ballroom at 8 p.m. For \$150, tickets include five-hour premium bar service, passed hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold buffet, livestream of Time Square, party hats, noisemakers, a DJ and a Champagne toast at midnight. 5720 Route 25A, Wading River. 631-846-2335, [eastwindlongisland.com](http://eastwindlongisland.com)

If you're looking for an interesting way to start the new year, consider welcoming 2023 from the magical Shelter Island. **The Tavern at The Chequit** will be offering a five-course dinner for \$125, with seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. After dinner, prepare to party until the clock strikes midnight. Reserve your spot before it's too late. 23 Grand Avenue, Shelter Island Heights. 631-749-0018, [thechequithotel.com](http://thechequithotel.com)



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871 Montauk Highway, Montauk.  
631-668-3377, [montauklibrary.org](http://montauklibrary.org)

### ANNIE TREZZA AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8 P.M.

Enjoy the groovy guitar riffs, stirring lyrics and lovely melodies of Annie Trezza at The Stephen Talkhouse, one of the Hamptons' most popular venues, which was once a private East End home.

161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, [stephentalkhouse.com](http://stephentalkhouse.com)

### SURF CASTERS AT THE NORTH SEA TAVERN

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8-9 P.M.

Enjoy this candlelight service for all ages on the night before Christmas.

120 Main Street, East Hampton.  
631-324-0711, [fpceh.org](http://fpceh.org)

### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 4:30-11:50 P.M.

Don't miss a Chanukah celebration for the whole family at Chabad of the Hamptons. You'll enjoy a musical performance by Tali Yess, as well as crafts, Chinese takeout, latkes and doughnuts. Admission is free.

13 Woods Avenue, East Hampton. 631-329-5800, [chabadofthehamptons.com](http://chabadofthehamptons.com)

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER

28, 2-3:30 P.M.

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Montauk Village Green, Montauk.  
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631-283-0774 ext.523, [myrml.org](http://myrml.org)

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31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor.  
631-725-2100,  
[caperesorts.com/barons-cove](http://caperesorts.com/barons-cove)

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 10-11 A.M.  
Seniors can sign up ahead of time for this fitness class at the Westhampton Free Library that's geared toward their needs. Zumba is great for weight loss, toning and de-stressing.  
7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335,  
[westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com](http://westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com)

**KNITTING CIRCLE**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 6-7 P.M.  
If you love to knit or are just wondering how, head on over to the Quogue Library, where instructor Carmen Rice can help you get started. You might even make some new friends along the way!  
90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224, [quogue.librarycalendar.com](http://quogue.librarycalendar.com)

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159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, [easthamptonlibrary.org](http://easthamptonlibrary.org)

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279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill.  
631-283-2118, [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org)

**ADAM PARKER SMITH: STANDING ON THE MOON AT THE WATER MILL CENTER**

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH  
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39 Water Mill Towd Road,  
Water Mill. 631-726-4628,  
[watermillcenter.org](http://watermillcenter.org)



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1850 Main Bayview Road, Southold.  
888-530-7983, [truelightnofo.org](http://truelightnofo.org)

### THE LORDS OF 52ND STREET AT THE SUFFOLK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8 P.M.

Enjoy this return of the actual band that recorded many of Billy Joel's classic albums as they perform your favorites along with some holiday cheer. Tickets begin at \$49 and the doors open at 7 p.m.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, [suffolktheater.com](http://suffolktheater.com)

### OPEN MIC NIGHT AT GREEN HILL KITCHEN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 6-9 P.M.

If you play, sing or recite, don't miss your chance to appear on stage at the Green Hill Kitchen in Greenport, which serves up plenty of snacks, barbeque and specialty drinks to make your evening special.  
48 Green Street, Greenport. 631-477-4900, [greenhillny.com](http://greenhillny.com)

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### WINERY TOUR

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Call ahead to book your tour of Pindar Vineyards, which includes views of the production facilities at the vineyard. The ticket cost of \$35 per person includes five wine tastings. Payment is required for booking.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, [pindar.net](http://pindar.net)

## ENRICHING PROGRAMS

### INSATIABLE BRUNCH BUFFET

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 12-4 P.M.

Get out and about this weekend with a fantastic meal featuring brunch classics as well as Mediterranean dishes. Choose from a variety of cooking stations and cocktails. The cost is \$23.

300 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-726-4444, [insatiableeats.com](http://insatiableeats.com)



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5-9 P.M.

Enjoy Christmas Eve Dinner in a relaxing, elegant atmosphere on Shelter Island. The menu will feature local produce, game and seafood.

108 South Ram Island Drive,  
Shelter Island. 631-749-0811, [theramsheadinn.com](http://theramsheadinn.com)

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Don't miss this fabulous Christmas Eve Party at The Chequit, a tavern and hotel convenient-

ly located a close walk from the Shelter Island Ferry. Reserve a room for the complete weekend experience.

23 Grand Avenue, Shelter Island Heights. 631-749-0018, [thechequithotel.com](http://thechequithotel.com)

### KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND BEADING GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 12:30-3:30 P.M.

If you love to craft, don't miss your chance to meet some new friends while you knit, crochet or bead. All levels are welcome but you must bring your own materials.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, [librarycalendar.com](http://librarycalendar.com)

### SAVVY SIGHTSEER: FOUR COUNTRIES HOLIDAY MAGIC

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Enjoy this special virtual presentation showing how towns around Europe celebrate the holidays. Register ahead of time for the video.

13900 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4134, [mattitucklaurel.librarycalendar.com](http://mattitucklaurel.librarycalendar.com)

## ART EXHIBITIONS

### THE LANDSCAPE: SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION AND SALE

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 16, 2023

Don't miss your opportunity to view and purchase photo-based art that includes paintings, mixed media and sculptural works. The museum is open Friday-Sunday or by appointment.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, [alexferronegallery.com](http://alexferronegallery.com)

### WINTER/ROTATION

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH 19

An evolving program consisting of small solo shows, special projects and happenings, and exemplary works of art and design, *WINTER/ROTATION* is on view at the VSOP Projects gallery throughout the winter months. Among the artists included are Kelly Adelia, Kaitlin Beebe, Hannah Bigeleisen, Louise Crandell, Tacita Dean, Garance, Rainer Gross, Jerry McLaughlin, Lesley Obrock, Arden Scott, Bill Smart and Allan Wexler.

311 Front Street, Greenport. 631-603-7736, [vsopprojects.com](http://vsopprojects.com)



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### TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

#### HOLIDAY STORYTIME

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 4-4:30 P.M.

Kiddos ages K-5 can head on over to the Rogers Memorial Library for some ho-ho-holiday fun with stories and cheer. Pre-registration is required.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, [rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com](https://rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com)

#### WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE WINESTAND AT WÖLFFER ESTATES

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 AND 24

Get your tickets ahead of time for this special family attraction that includes ice skating, a larger-than-life holiday display, fire pits, hot chocolate, holiday treats and a local food truck. Santa himself will be visiting on select days. And, of course, adults will appreciate a nice selection of mulled wine and cider! 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, [wolffer.com](https://wolffer.com)

#### HOLIDAY SCHOOL BREAK: TRACKS, SCAT, WHO'S THAT?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 10-11 A.M.

Children of all ages can meet in the field behind the South Fork History

Museum for this special hunt led by an environmental educator. The fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike. 631-537-9735, [sofo.org](https://sofo.org)

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE CRAFT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 3-4 P.M.

Take your little crafter ages 3-6 over to the East Hampton Library, where they will make a craft and ring in the new year. Pre-registration is required.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, [easthamptonlibrary.org](https://easthamptonlibrary.org)

#### SNOWFLAKE BATH BOMBS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 4-5 P.M.

Your kiddo in grades 3-6 can learn to make a fragrant snowflake at the Hampton Bays Library. Advanced registration is required.

52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241, [hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com](https://hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com)

#### FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

##### THE CANDIED ANCHOR

Don't miss the gourmet candy, fudge, old-fashioned treats and baked goods at this favorite Hamptons candy shop with your kiddos. Pick-up and delivery options are also available.

721 Main Street, Montauk. 631-668-8038, [candiedanchor.com](https://candiedanchor.com)

##### THE CLUBHOUSE

Enjoy some serious sporting fun with your kiddos at The Clubhouse, where they'll enjoy bowling, arcade games, mini golf and snacks in a fun atmosphere.

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-637-2695, [clubhousehamptons.com](https://clubhousehamptons.com)

##### CUSTER INSTITUTE AND OBSERVATORY

Take your little explorer over to the Custer Institute and Observatory, which is open to the public every Saturday night from dusk until midnight. You can view the night sky through powerful telescopes, take a tour, or visit the library, exhibit room or gift shop. In addition, you can check out their website for frequent family-friendly events.

1115 Main Bayview Road, Southold. 631-765-2626, [custerobservatory.org](https://custerobservatory.org)

##### DART'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Don't miss the last weekend to check out the holiday fun at Dart's, which is open through Christmas Eve. You and your little ones can explore a magic color forest complete with a hay ride, a gift shop full of fun options and elves that will help you cut down your own tree.

2355 Main Bayview Road, Southold. 631-369-1300, [dartschristmastreefarm.com](https://dartschristmastreefarm.com)

##### LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

Bring your little guppy over to one of the East End's most popular attractions, which includes exhibits like Amphibian Alley, Amazon Rainforest and Butterflies. Tickets are \$30 for children and \$43 for adults. Little ones under age 2 can attend for free.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, [longislandaquarium.com](https://longislandaquarium.com)

##### LOVE LANE KITCHEN

If your little one is hungry from a long day of exploring the East End, check out the tasty options at Love Lane Kitchen, which include burgers, eggs and griddle cakes. Parents can also choose from a fun selection of beer and wine.

240 Love Lane, Mattituck. 631-298-8989, [lovelanekitchen.com](https://lovelanekitchen.com)

##### PETIT BLUE

If you're looking for a great place for a last-minute gift, take your little ones over to Petit Blue, where you'll find great clothes, toys and baby goods.

72 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. 631-658-9400, [petitblue.com](https://petitblue.com)

##### SAFARI ADVENTURE

If you're looking for some active winter fun, take your kiddos ages 1-10 to one of the open play sessions at Safari Adventure, an 18-foot-tall soft playground that includes inflatables, a calming spa and over 30 video games.

1074 Pulaski Street, Riverhead.

631-727-4386, [thesafariadventure.com](https://thesafariadventure.com)

##### SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Don't miss out on serious holiday fun that includes ice skating, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, hayrides, cookie decorating and face painting. You'll also enjoy hot apple cider, popcorn and smores while you sit by the firepit. And don't forget to pick out your tree while you're there!

30105 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-735-9242, [santaschristmastreefarmli.com](https://santaschristmastreefarmli.com)

##### SOUTHAMPTON ICE RINK

Enjoy the public skating sessions at this clean and friendly local favorite. Skate rentals, refreshment options and lessons are also available.

668 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158, [southamptonicerink.com](https://southamptonicerink.com)



Find more events online at [DansPapers.com/Events](https://DansPapers.com/Events)

GETTY IMAGES

THIS WEEKEND IS YOUR CHILD'S LAST CHANCE TO CATCH SANTA BEFORE HE FLIES NORTH TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS 2023.



# FOOD & DRINK

## Last-Minute Christmas Dinner Plans, Gingerbread Art & More

BY HARRY POWERS

In this week's East End foodie news bites ...

**The Clubhouse** in East Hampton will be open Christmas Eve from noon to 9 p.m. for lunch and dinner, and for gaming from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Games include an arcade, bowling, pool tables and other fun activities. As their website proclaims "whether it's beer and cocktails or sodas and sundaes," the inner child in you shall be unleashed. There will also be live music from Dueling Pianos, special cocktails and a midnight toast. Tickets start at \$75 for general admission.

**The French Picnic** will be your new go-to spot before hitting the wineries or going to the beach. Stepping into the new Cutchogue shop is a transcendent experience on the senses, with the aroma of cheese hitting hard and soft jazz flowing in the background. It offers locally inspired as well as global cheese boards, with each basket being paired with a selection of meats, dried fruits, honeys, jams and crackers. For an authentically French experience, make sure you grab their crusty bread!

### Bits & Bites:

Sag Harbor's premier waterfront resort **Baron's Cove** will be serving prix fixe menus on Christmas Day and

New Year's Eve. The four-course prix fixe Christmas dinner will be served from 3 to 9 p.m. for \$125 per person while the New Year's Eve dinner will be served at 6 p.m. (for \$125) and 9 p.m. (\$175). Visit Baron's Cove's website to view the special menus and for other "holiday on the harbor" events coming up.

There's nothing like a soulful bowl of soup this time of year to warm you up; we're especially partial to **The 1770 House's** potato and celery chowder. A must-try!

The owners of **668 The Gig Shack** recently announced that they will be opening a new restaurant called **Little Fish** on a remote beach overlooking the Long Island Sound in Southold. Little Fish is an extension of Gig Shack and while the menu is still in development, favorites of the Montauk restaurant like fish tacos and eccentric cocktails are a sure thing. Little Fish will open in spring 2023.

**Mazie Galle** is the Michael Jordan of gingerbread house making. Check out her gargantuan gingerbread model of The Chequit on Shelter Island. Galle used six pounds of flour, two pounds of gummy lights, a gallon of molasses and additional ingredients to get the job done. Wow!

### Did You Know?

The Feast of the Seven Fishes has its roots in the impoverished villages of southern Italy. Italian families brought the tradition with them as they immigrated to the U.S., if you need any more reason to enjoy Long Island's amazing seafood! Celebrate with **Anker** fish and chips (which uses fattier local black sea bass instead of cod), **Noah's** seafood stew (cioppino-inspired) and **Leon 1909** oven roasted fluke.

**Good Ground Tavern** in Hampton Bays is located inside the country's oldest inn, dating back to 1697. After years of restoration, the inn and restaurant reopened this year, launching an exciting new chapter in the **Canoe Place Inn's** storied history. For the holidays, the tavern is serving prix fixe menus on Christmas Eve, New



THE CHEQUIT GINGERBREAD BY MAZIE GALLE



TOWNLINE BBQ HAM



THE FRITTO MISTO AT LITTLE FISH

Year's Eve and brunch on New Year's Day. Good Ground Tavern will also be participating in Dan's Taste The Greats, Long Island's ultimate food and drink event. The evening will feature the finest chefs on Long Island offering the dish that has made them so beloved.

**Braun Seafood Co.** is one of the largest seafood importers and distributors on Long Island and has been operating successfully since 1928. The company's growth has been synonymous with the development of the North and South Fork into the popular destinations they have become today.

Menu highlights at **Braun's Kitchen** in Cutchogue include charbroiled oysters, pork belly and blackened mahi tacos, fried flounder sandwich, red curry cod and seafood paella.

Bob Corton of **Peconic Prime Meats** makes somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 different kinds of specialty sausages! Visit the Southampton butcher shop for all of your turkey, ham and lamb roasts with extended family this holiday season!

### Food Quote:

"He was a bold man that ate the first oyster." —Jonathan Swift



DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

# Recipe: O By Kissaki's Miso Rigatoni Bolognese

Many world travelers swear by the Italian cuisine they've tasted in Japan. Japanese Italian, or "itameshi," is in part distinct for the ingredients the chefs use, such as Japanese pickled plums and Japanese mayonnaise, or kewpie. O by Kissaki in East Hampton intertwines both traditions masterfully, as evident in Executive Chef Partner Mark Garcia's miso rigatoni Bolognese.

## Ingredients:

2 tbsp Fennel Seed  
1 tbsp Black Peppercorns  
1 tsp Chili Flake  
50 g Canola Oil  
5 lbs Ground pork shoulder  
15 g Salt  
225 g Onions, small dice  
225 g Carrots, small dice  
225 g Celery, small dice  
750 g San Marzano Sul Sarno Tomatoes

500 g White Wine  
500 g Dashi  
100 g Saikyo Miso  
75 g Tonkatsu Sauce  
1 tbsp Yuzu Kosho  
50 g Tomato Paste  
15 g Salt  
Red Wine Vinegar, to taste

## Directions:

1. Toast fennel seed.
2. In a very hot rondeau, with the canola oil, brown the pork. Season the pork with the first amount of salt.
3. After browning, using a large whisk break apart the cooked pork to ensure there are no large clumps.
4. Add the vegetables to the rondeau, sweat onions, carrots and celery. When veggies are translucent, add in fennel seed, black pepper and chili flakes.
5. Add the tomato paste and cook.
6. After tomato paste is starting to stick on pan and has darkened in



COURTESY O BY KISSAKI

THE MISO RIGATONI BOLOGNESE AT O BY KISSAKI

color, deglaze with white wine and reduce to sec.

7. Next add miso paste, dashi, yuzu kosho and tomato puree.

8. Cook down the ragu for about half an hour, or until it is no longer watery.

9. Season with red wine vinegar and salt to taste and cool down the ragu.

For more itameshi, visit O by Kissaki at 47 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. [exploreobykissaki.com](http://exploreobykissaki.com)

# BRUNCH & DINNER



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## DAILY EATING: FOOD &amp; DRINK

## Something to Wine About: Wines from Interesting Places

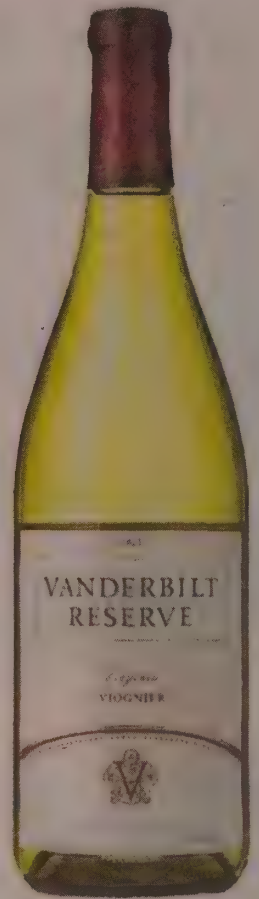
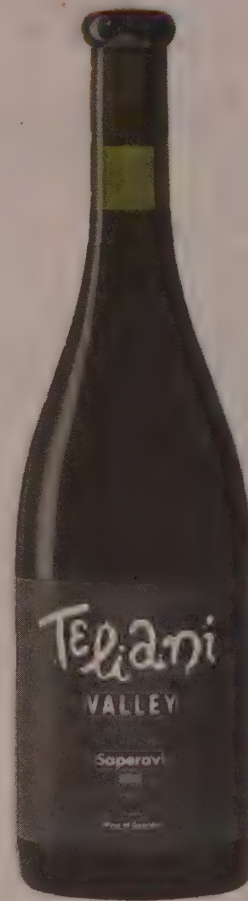
BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Shortly before the pandemic, I was given the opportunity to apply for an educational trip to learn about wine in Georgia. I said to myself, "Wow, now that's interesting. I have friends who live in Georgia and had no idea they had a wine industry." I applied. I didn't get it. And, eventually the trip was canceled anyway due to the pandemic. Oh, and it wasn't the Georgia where my friends lived, it was Georgia, the country, that borders Russia. Not my brightest moment, but since then I've learned this faraway area does produce some wonderful wine!

The 2020 Teliani Saperavi is an approachable, enjoyable, red wine with vibrant acidity and firm tannins. Made from 100% Saperavi grapes, and fermented entirely in stainless steel, this is a fresh, medium-bodied, fruit-forward, dry red with great firm tannins and well balanced acidity. This wine retails for the bargain price of only \$15 and pairs exceptionally well with appetizers. A nice

party wine to have on hand and a great conversation piece for its place of origin. And I learned, there are a few vineyards in Georgia, USA!

Next up, is a wine from Virginia. Not just for lovers, Virginia also produces wine. The 2021 Vanderbilt Reserve Viognier from Biltmore Winery is crafted from grapes sourced from Virginia. This lovely, elegant, white is an elevated white choice for those who might usually enjoy pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc. Voigner is a crisp, clean and fruit-forward wine. It is less aggressive than sauvignon blanc and more floral than pinot grigio. This wine is lightly oaked with 50% of the wine spending only three months in oak. This softens the wine without imparting any toasty or buttery notes to the wine. It does have hints of vanilla, which meld beautifully with notes of pineapple and pear. Serve this wine with any dish you would normally serve with white wine such as seafood, chicken, salads and fruits. It normally retails for \$35, but is on sale here for \$26: biltmoreshop.com.



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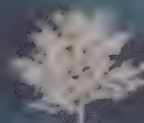
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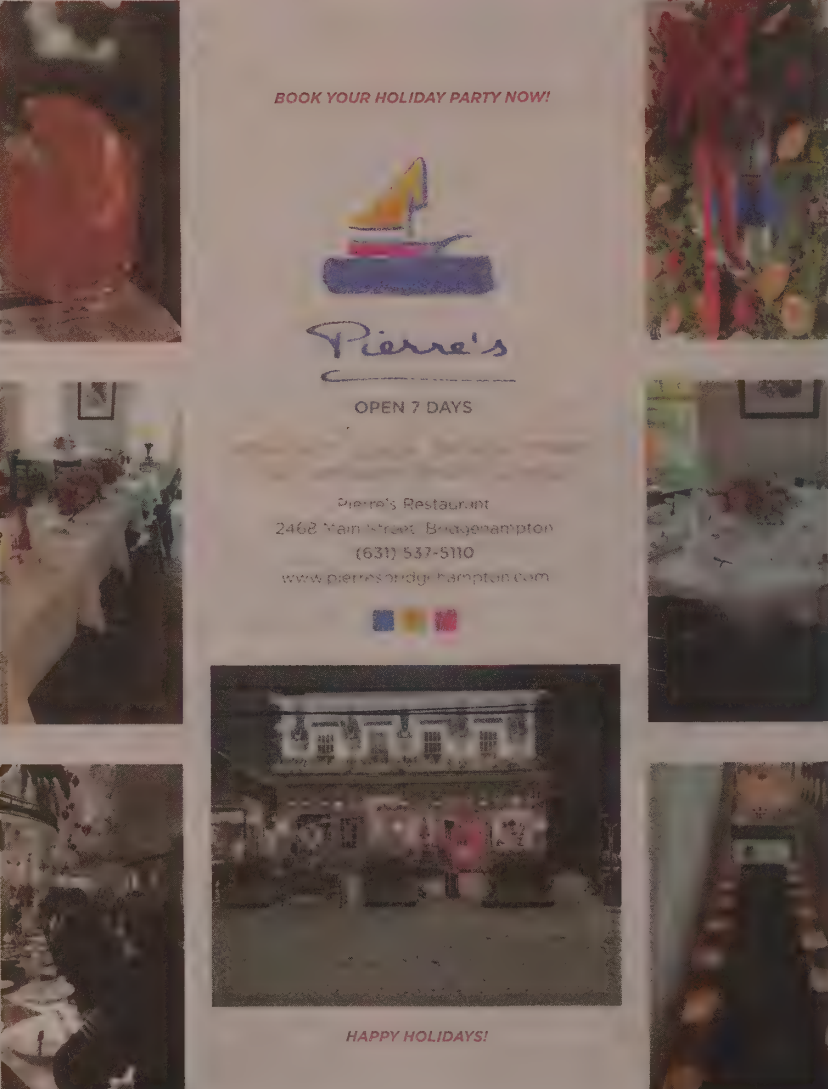
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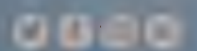
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# EAST END LIVING

## *Shinnecock Voices:* SAJE, a Restorative Approach to an Imbalanced Justice System

BY DYANI BROWN

**"I**n the thousands of years of Indigenous culture studied by anthropologists, they have yet to uncover a jail." —Hopi Elder Stephanie Autumn.

Imprisonment was never our way. We tribal communities governed ourselves with values passed down through morals and honor. Once upon a time, that was enough.

With the plunge of the first steel pitchfork into our amber waves of grain, the fabric of our traditional community structure was torn. Western "civilization" stole our land, severed our language, oppressed our people with borders and subjected us to a capitalist society.

Then they came for our souls.

Our children were taken from their homes and sent off to residential boarding schools where civilization intended to "kill the Indian and save the man." To their dismay, we Indians survived. But now civilization takes the parents and sends them off to prison for "reform."

Whereas incarceration is a Westernized construct, following this model means that we never truly address the root causes of an individual's failed morals, which is often underpinned by a lifetime of unreconciled intergenerational and historical trauma. Naturally, these traumas are more pervasive in BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) communities, for having borne the brunt of colonization since time immemorial.

But just as residential boarding schools were an institution of indentured servitude and abuse — physical, sexual and mental — so is today's prison pipeline.

An incarcerated individual's chance for personal restoration and healing is typically diminished by lost prospects and devalued self-esteem. While opioid and other substance misuse — abuse and trafficking — usually leads to incarceration; intergenerational and mental trauma, compounded by stigma and limited job opportunities due to previous incarceration, are some of the main contributing factors to recidivism and continued substance misuse. It is a vicious cycle in which a loved one's incarceration can break families, many times causing youth to inadvertently repeat the missteps of their parents.

Incarceration as reform is a futile approach. Even more so for our many culturally diverse indigenous communities whose blood memory is only adept to respond to a sense of communal value and support. In



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the absence of these traditional structures, indigenous communities suffer the greatest.

Native American incarceration in the U.S. increased 85% between 2000 and 2020, which exceeds the percentage of growth for the total jail population during that same time period. As a result, "American Indians," which make up only 1% of the U.S. population, represent 2.1% of federal incarcerates. The incarceration rates for Native women and youth are the highest among these statistics, giving way to a tapestry of broken families, which further undermines our cultural values.

In a proactive effort to address the disparities in the American justice system and implement restorative practices based on traditional structures, a group of dedicated tribal citizens established Shinnecock Advocates for Justice and Equity, otherwise known as SAJE. The mission of SAJE is to support families impacted by the prison pipeline and eliminate recidivism on Shinnecock.

SAJE formed as a follow-up to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant that awarded to Shinnecock Nation in 2020. When the Nation's TOR grant ended,

key personnel from the project formed SAJE under the umbrella of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Blossom Sustainable Development, a substance abuse and mental health counseling service founded by Shinnecock citizen Aiyana Williams, LCSW. The committee meets weekly with the urgent intent to continue the TOR grant work to address the effects of the opioid epidemic and its related issues.

SAJE has recruited members from other New York State tribes in its plight, as Shinnecock is just one of hundreds of indigenous communities across Indian Country impacted by the prison pipeline. Through its efforts, the committee has already gained the support of local community leaders and other mental and behavioral health representatives in New York State.

A pivotal meeting with Suffolk County Drug Court representatives helped SAJE to realize that Shinnecock citizens were not receiving the same opportunities for treatment as their non-BIPOC neighbors. Instead, many Shinnecock citizens have repeatedly gone through the criminal justice system without ever being offered the mental health or addiction treatment services they truly need.

A community assessment survey issued by SAJE revealed that Shinnecock citizens who were immediate family to an incarcerated individual expressed the needs for their loved ones' wellbeing as: mental and physical health services, cultural resources and ceremonies, and inclusion and interaction with the community to strengthen family ties.

However, now that the New York State Department of Correction and Community Supervision (DOCCS) has eliminated family's ability to ship or bring boxed goods to loved ones, several Shinnecock incarcerates have expressed a need for additional support.

"When given a job assignment, I am on a fixed income; less than \$12 every two weeks. With the continued increase in prices, trying to purchase the necessary items such as toiletries and food has become really problematic. Even when I can get outside family support it is still an issue," a Shinnecock citizen wrote from Wende Correctional Facility.

A monthly income of \$24 barely covers the cost of making a week of sandwiches, let alone the need for a toothbrush or socks. Meaning, the burden of providing these basic necessities ultimately falls to the family, which typically consists of single mothers or elderly parents already caring for young children.

In addition to establishing a food sovereignty bank to assist families with the burden of supporting their loved ones, SAJE's other initiatives include transportation for families to visit incarcerated loved ones; counseling visits; a restorative practices reentry curriculum; and welcome home ceremonies for curriculum participants. Upon reentry, SAJE hopes to provide individuals with peer support groups, parole and probation transportation, housing assistance and job training.

Recognizing that incarceration causes irreparable damage to all involved, SAJE believes that connection to family, community support, and cultural tradition is the path to restorative reform for Native peoples entangled in today's failing prison system. It is the families, especially children, who suffer most from the void of a parent, which can potentially develop into feelings of shame or hopelessness. SAJE's intention to remove the stigma of incarceration for the individual and their families can mean the difference between changing history and history repeating.

"While our progress may only be incremental due to a lack of funding, our commitment to our community remains steadfast. If we can help just one person, one family, we strengthen Shinnecock, our surrounding communities and ultimately society," said Meesha Johnson, one of SAJE's six core members.

'Tis the season for giving. To make a tax deductible donation to SAJE and its many initiatives, CashApp: \$SAJE4Families or look for SAJE on indiegogo.com.

For more information or to stay informed about SAJE progress and events, email [SAJE4families@gmail.com](mailto:SAJE4families@gmail.com).

To learn more about the incarceration rates of Native Americans, visit [prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/04/22/native](https://prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/04/22/native).

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# The Meaning of Christmas: A Promise of Light in the Darkness

BY FATHER CONSTANTINE  
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*Father Constantine Lazarakis of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons shares his insights on the meaning of Christmas today.*



As the "Season of Light" is upon us, the trappings of Christmas are all around. The streets strung with Christmas lights and the carols heard at every corner cause us to yearn for levity and joy. And yet, this season our yearning for the joy of Christmas is contested. Contested by everything from economic difficulties, to divisive political discourse, to war between our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, to the lingering effects of the pandemic — while we long to be merry and bright, there is



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the weight of all we have been through and all we face. But we must not allow the difficulty of the world to outweigh

the joy of God's fulfilled promise! The promise that light will overcome the darkness, the promise of the Lord who

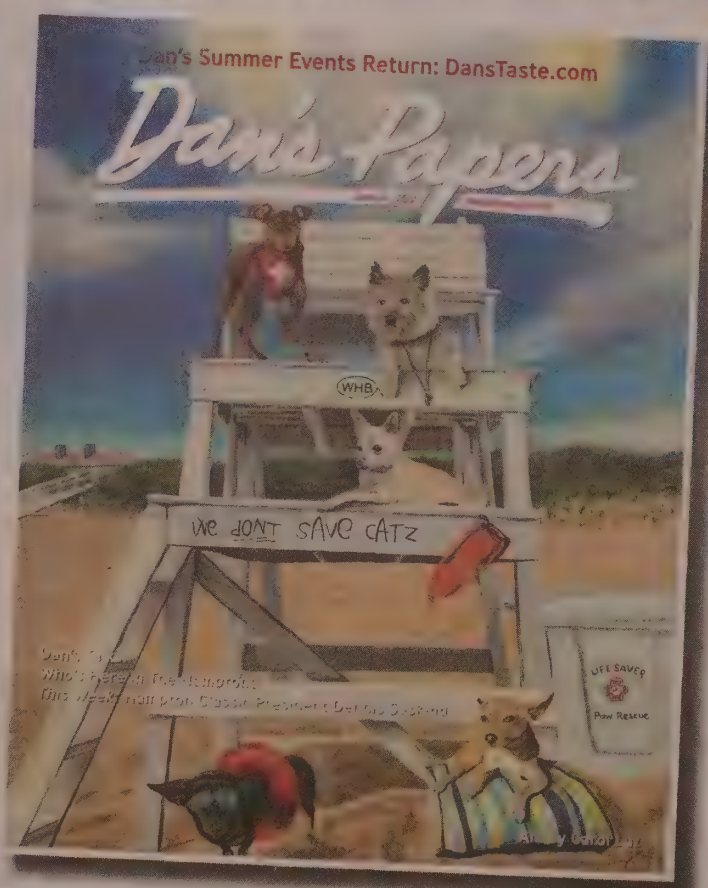
"brings good tidings" and "heals the broken-hearted!"

This season, when the darkness begins to wane and the hours of daylight grow longer, is the moment upon which we must seize! Christmas allows us to find hope amidst difficulty, gives us strength to endure and offers a joy that is not dependent upon the fluctuations of markets, is not tethered to the news of the day, not defeated by cruelty. Just as Christ was born during tumultuous times, so God is with us *now*, in our own difficult times. His birth brings light to darkness, peace in conflict, clarity amidst confusion and guidance to the lost.

Rather than shrinking to the materialism and anxiety of the holiday season, let it be about gathering our families and loved ones in the truth of the season; that we are not alone. Let us share the light, the unconditional love, the spirit of reconciliation that all spring from the real reason for the season. The certainty that we are not alone, the certainty that God is with us.

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## Stan Herman: Uniform Fashion Designer for the Working Man

BY DAVID TAYLOR

From the classic striped McDonald's blouses of the 1970s to the sharp purple-black contrast of modern FedEx polos, some uniforms are designed to stand out, and for many of these iconic looks, we have Southampton fashion designer Stan Herman to thank.

From his early years helping out in his father's silk shops, Herman knew wanted to pursue fashion design as his career, and his father supported him. "My father was very encouraging. It was quite unusual for a Jewish father to have a son who wanted to be a fashion designer," says Herman, who has continued to work in fashion into his 90s.

His first corporate client in need of a uniform rebrand was Avis Car Rental, and he has since created looks for Amtrak, JetBlue, Loews Hotels & Resorts, Trans World Airlines, U.S. Airways, United Airlines, the Central Park Conservancy and most recently Sandals Resorts. He is also renowned for his women's ready-to-wear designs and loungewear, and he's currently celebrating 30 years on QVC.

Living in New York City in the 1950s, Herman and his partner Gene Horowitz, a writer and teacher, discovered Southampton in 1953 and were awestruck. "I came out here and looked at a lake called Big Fresh Pond and said, 'That's where I'm going to live the rest of my life,' and that's where I've lived the rest of my life," Herman says. "I'm on the same piece of property that I rented back in 1953 with my lover of 40 years."

For decades, Herman and Horowitz were a force for good in the Hamptons. In the advent of the AIDS crisis, they helped found the East End Gay Organization (EEGO), with Herman becoming one of the original chairs. Through the organization they built bridges between the gay and lesbian community and raised considerable funds for AIDS relief at events such as Take Off at the East Hampton Airport,

which Herman chaired.

"The catalyst for everything was the AIDS epidemic. That brought people together like it never happened before — men and women — and the women were the first to respond out here," Herman explains.

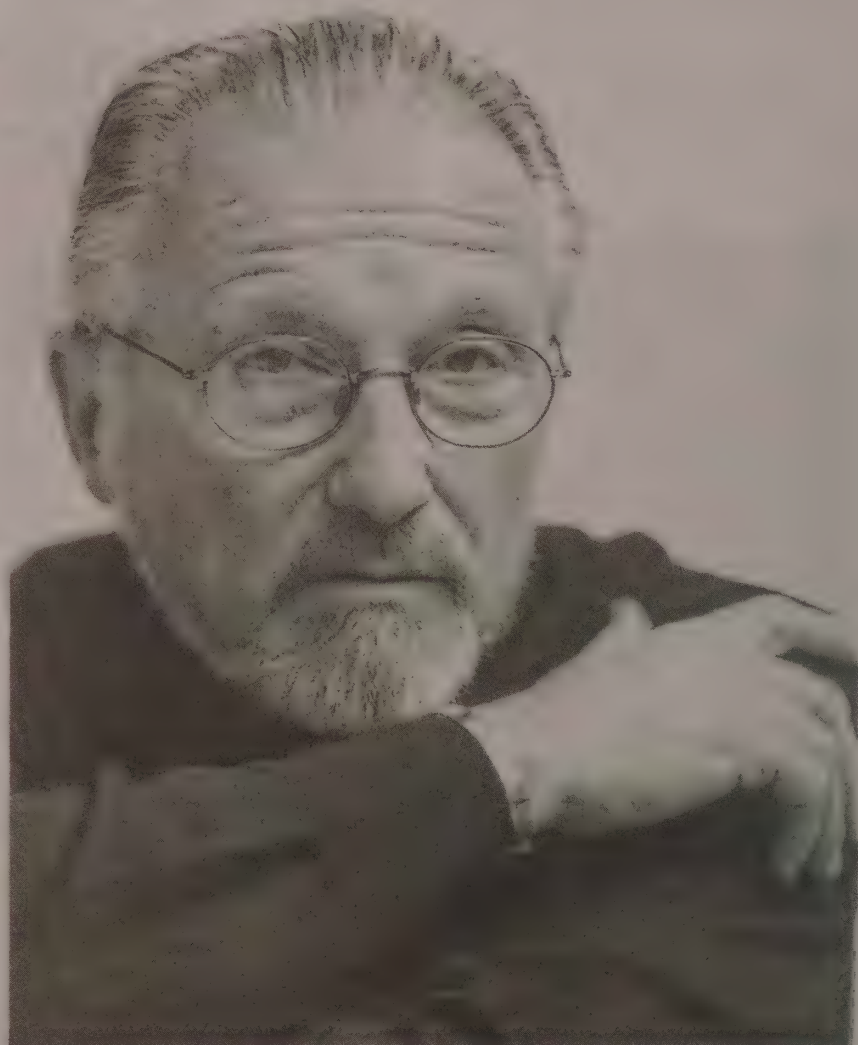
In 1991, Horowitz died suddenly of a stroke.

"Both Gene and I were poster children for the gay movement. We were very open," Herman says of his "phenomenal love affair" with Horowitz. "Our relationship was never anything but open and accepting of our homosexuality in a world that wasn't so accepting of it."

That year, Herman was brought on as the president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA). "I was out of left field ... I was doing ready-to-wear for the mass market. It started, again, during the AIDS world when the CFDA did a massive '7th on Sale.' In a three-day sale, we raised \$5 million and raised the profile of the Council of Fashion Designers of America," he explains. "They tapped me to be president of it, and I had the time and the desire for it. I thought it would be two, three or four years, and it ended up being 16 years. It was a fun, little position. My board at the time was Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, Mary McFadden, Geoffrey Beene, Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass — you're talking the crème de la crème. I was a good president, because I wasn't in that business and wasn't competitive with them, so they became my friends and helped me build a very solid organization, which was really more of a peripheral honorary group, into a fundraising behemoth."

Along with his right hand, CFDA Executive Director Fern Mallis, he is well-known for consolidating the citywide events known as "New York Fashion Week" into an organized grouping of tented events in Bryant Park. This reenvisioning of events was branded as "7th on Sixth" and sold to IMG in 2001.

In 2006, Herman passed the baton.



STAN HERMAN

"When I was about ready to go, we selected Diane von Fürstenberg, and she brought it to another international level," he says. "But I'm still on the board and am very much involved in it."

Additionally, Herman is involved with the Bryant Park Corporation, the Garment District Alliance, and he even served on the Midtown Manhattan Community Board for 25 years, acting as the head of new construction.

### What else can you share about your life in the Hamptons?

My roots in the Hamptons are very deep, very rich. I'm still in New York, I'm still working. I go back and forth, but this is really what my home seems to be at this point. ...

EEGO was a coming together of men and women, which was very unusual at the time, because most groups were either men or women. ... It was an extraordinary group of people. ... One of the people who was very

much involved with EEGO was Edie Windsor. Edie was one of my closest friends; we started together and she was part of the EEGO world.

EEGO split up because the Hamptons is a weird gay area. When I first came out here, there were a few gay bars. There was one up in the hills of Bridgehampton right near what used to be a racetrack. It was *the* gay bar out here. We only had one, and then suddenly it spawned The Attic and a number of other gay bars.

It was not a comfortable place for Southampton gays. They were much too behind the hedges and decided that — I'm sort of making a generality here — they'd rather have their own party. Like a lot of places, we don't have a gay bar to this day. The gays are behind the hedges; they've built them higher and higher and more exclusive and moved away from the revolutionary moment we had. ...

It was a comfortable place for the gay world. The beaches were open to



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us. Those of us who weren't Fire Islanders loved that. And EEGO was a wonderful thing in our lives. I met people I would never have known. To have been here as long as I have and been so involved with the city and with the town, what it looked like when I first came here and what it looks like now, it's really quite fascinating.

**What do you feel is unique about your approach to designing uniforms?**

I think it's the way I design clothing in general. In my life right now, I do loungewear for women at home and uniforms for people who work. I do real clothes. I've always done real clothes, and uniforms are the most realistic of them all. When I first started to do it, people were wearing posterboards for the company. When I was first hired by TWA, I said to them, "I want the uniform to look like clothing that these people would have bought themselves." And that seemed to have worked. The same thing as when I was a very hot designer doing ready-to-wear — they were just clothes for people who wanted to look sharp and



STAN HERMAN'S TWA UNIFORM DESIGNS FROM 1975

comfortable. ... I learned how to bite off the edges of fashion — not compete but do my own thing. ...

I don't search out these accounts,

they seem to come to me. If I wanted to, I'd probably have a much larger business. I have a great associate who does most of the work now, and

I sit here and say, "Yes. No. I like it. I don't." It's a very comforting thing to see people wear your clothes when you do uniforms. When I walk through Central Park and I see my clothes on everybody, I feel very comfortable. I like the feeling. For 20 years, I was the designer for McDonald's, and I did all of their seminal uniforms that are in the Smithsonian. That's a nice badge of honor.

**What has been the most rewarding aspect of your fashion career?**

I think the most rewarding thing is probably my longevity. ... And as an aged person now, who's really in the last legs of his life, I'm so content. I like the life I've lived. I had a great love affair. I've loved working. I came to a part of the world out here that is just extraordinary, and I think the waters from the canals and from the ocean have kept me fresh and young. I wish my lover had lived longer, but other than that I wouldn't change anything.

I'm a happy camper.

Stan Herman's upcoming memoir *Uncross Your Legs* is expected to release in summer 2023.



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## OBITUARY

# Kenneth Kronen, Chabad of East Hampton Co- founder and Last Rikers Plane Crash Survivor, Dies at 95

BY BRIANA BONFIGLIO

**K**enneth Kronen, a long-time cantor at the Plainview Jewish Center who survived the infamous Rikers plane crash, died on December 9. He was 95.

Kronen was the last living survivor of the 1957 plane crash in which a Northeastern Airlines plane from LaGuardia Airport crash-landed on Rikers Island, killing 22 people. Prisoners from the jail assisted dozens of passengers who were "tumbling out of that ship," as one prisoner described 60 years later.

"They were the people who rescued us," Kronen said of the prisoners in a 2017 interview with the *New York Post*. "I don't know if all of us would've even got-



KENNETH KRONEN

ten out without them. We were all burning. It was so hot, and the plane was on fire."

Kronen emerged as a leader in the Long Island and New York City Jewish community. He was well-regarded throughout his many years as cantor of the

Plainview Jewish Center, where he inspired congregants with his voice. Kronen served as chairman of the Israel-based American Friends of Assaf Harofeh Medical Center. He was a founding member of Chabad of East Hampton with Rabbi Leibel Baumgarten and made major contributions to The Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton Beach.

"Ken Kronen was a very dedicated and cherished benefactor of the Hampton Synagogue," says Rabbi Marc Schneier. "He was a regular worshiper who played a significant role in the development of our institution. Following the plane crash in 1957, he was given a second chance at life, and as a result of that very challenging incident, Ken Kronen lived life to the fullest in terms of his commitment to his faith, his philanthropy, his love for his family and his obsession with tennis. He was given a second chance at life, and he made the best of it."

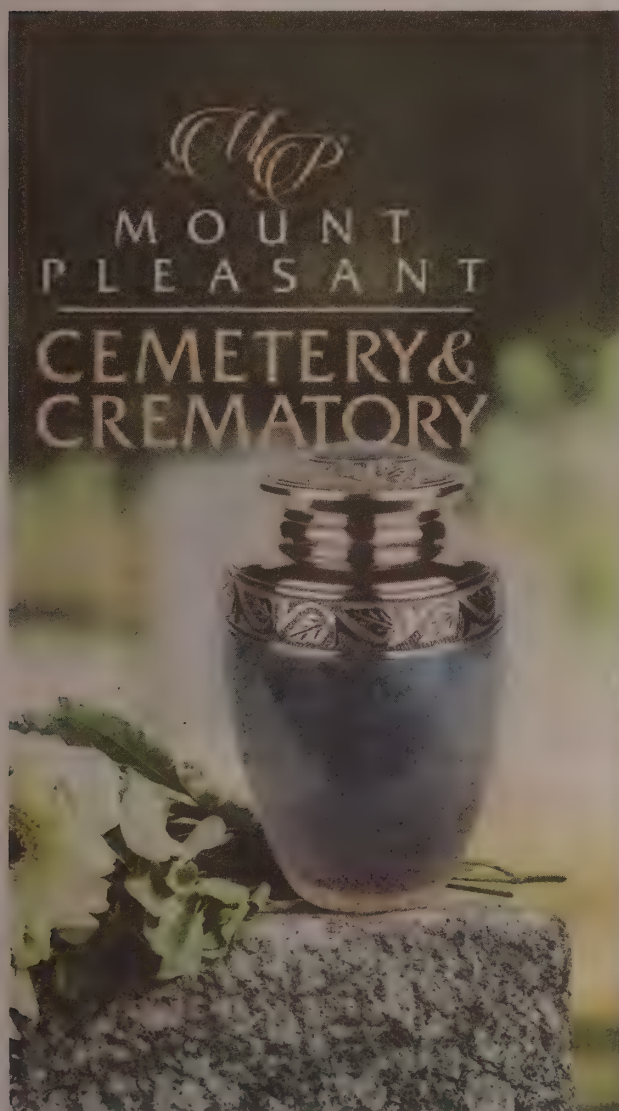
Kronen also contributed to the Ramaz School in Manhattan, along with being a major contributor to other Jewish philanthropic endeavors.

In his professional life, Kronen was a businessman: he was the vice president of Black Stone Webbing.

"He was a powerfully energetic, kind, enthusiastic individual who always put people before deed," says his wife, Dr. Jerilyn Kronen. "People were most important to him, and he was devoutly religious."

In addition to his wife, Kronen is survived by his four children, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project. Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes and some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Here are some ways to cut costs with your renovations.

### ASSESS THE MERITS

Remodeling magazine annually publishes a "Cost vs. Value Report" that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various projects. If you're planning to sell your



HOME RENOVATIONS CAN BE EXPENSIVE, BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO CUT COSTS.

home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the greatest ROI.

### WINTER SEASON

You'll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done before a major holiday. Book your renovation for an off time.

### DO SOME PREP WORK

You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and prep work yourself, such as tearing up old carpeting before the installation of new tile

floors or patching up walls before a paint job.

### HIRE A CONTRACTOR

Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor's expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don't waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

### REFURBISH EXISTING FEATURES

Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie's List), a business review resource.

### CHOOSE MIDGRADE MATERIALS

Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

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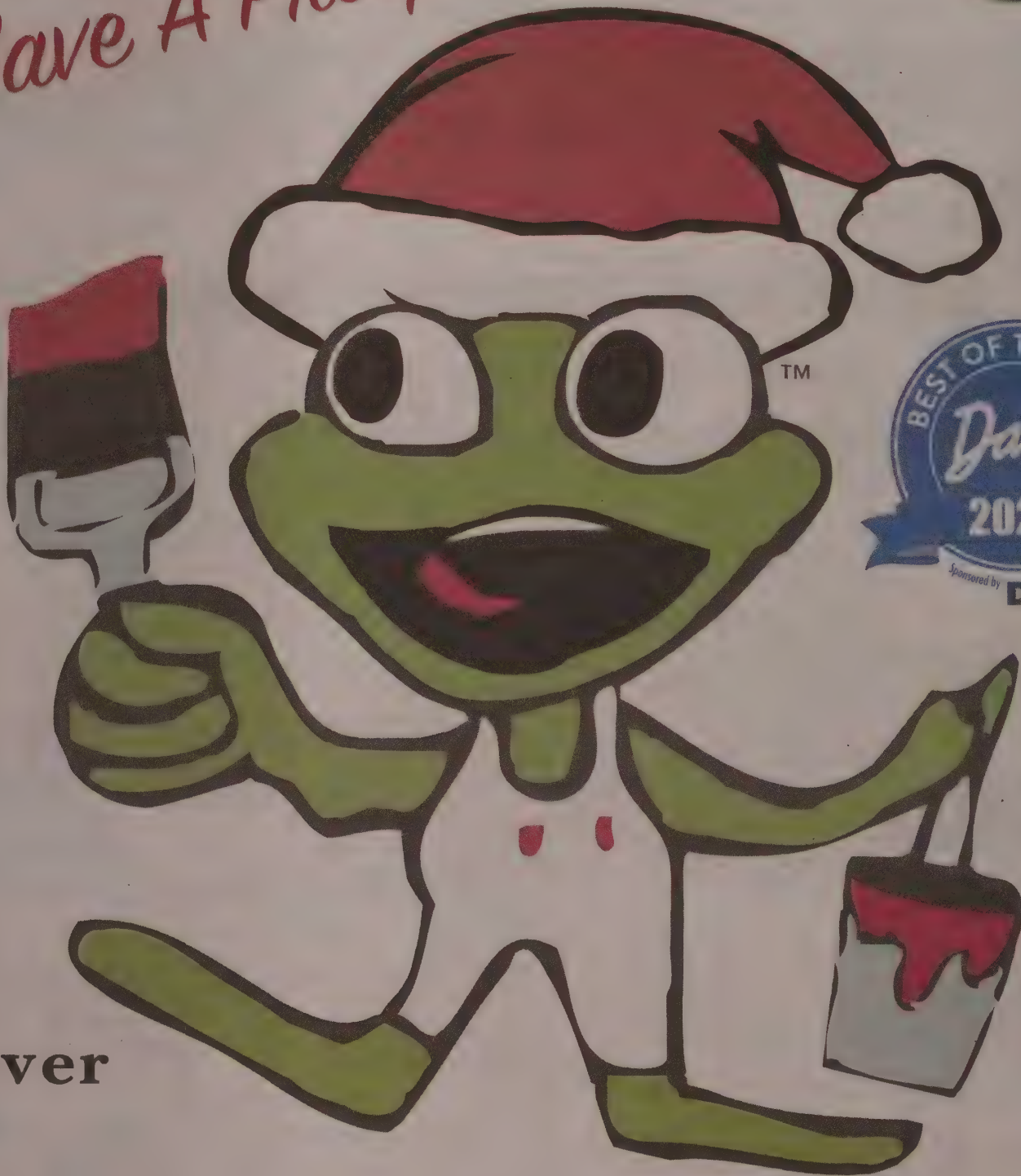
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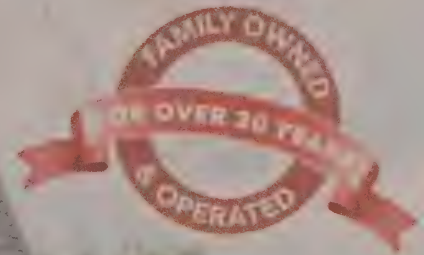
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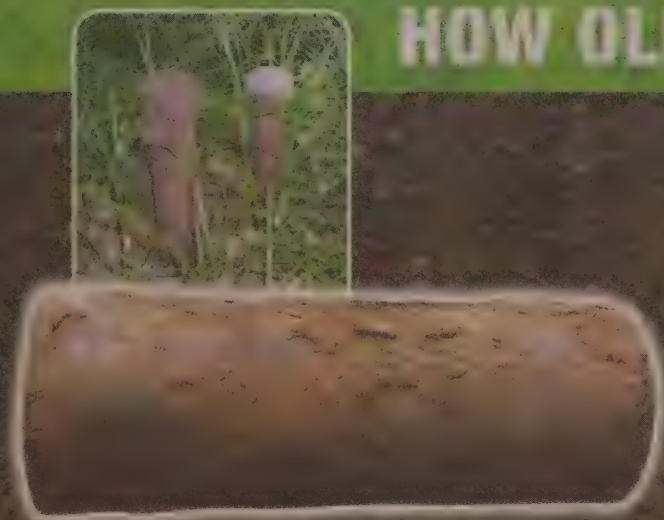


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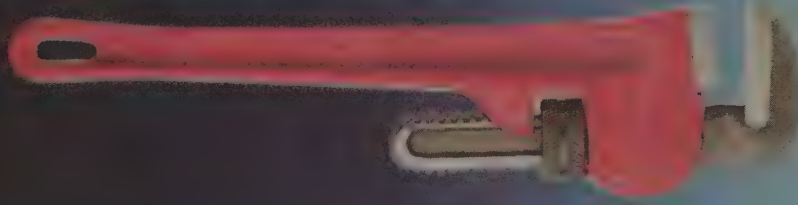
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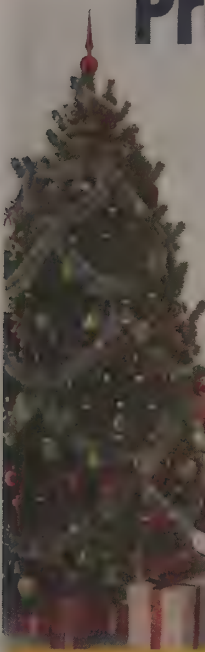
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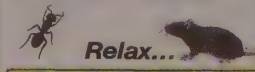
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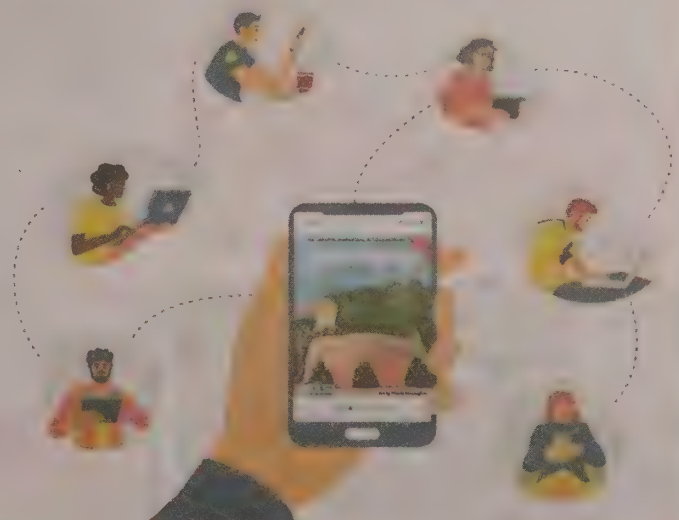
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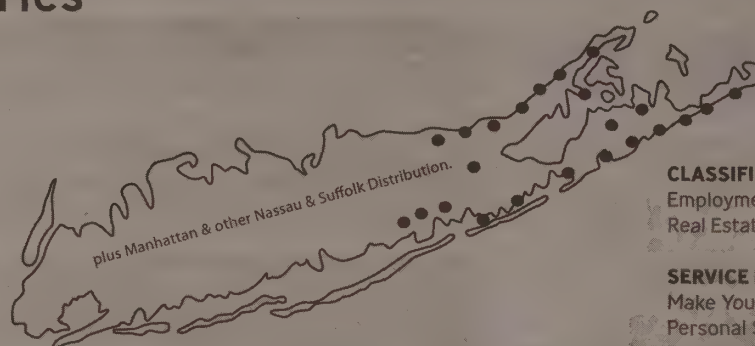
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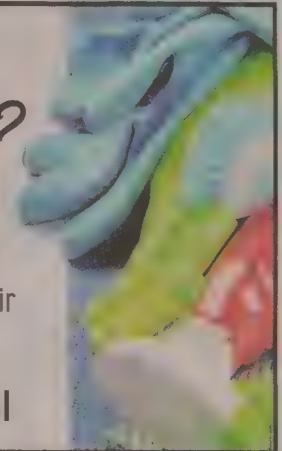
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## HIGH PROFILE

# Joseph Gannascoli: Whaddya Hear? Whaddya Say?

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Joseph R. Gannascoli is a successful actor who is best known for his role in the hit HBO series *The Sopranos*, in which he played a major role, as his character progressed in unforeseen ways. The scenes that he was a part of are among the most unmistakable moments throughout the show, which are considered by many to be turning points in the award-winning cinematic masterpiece. Gannascoli is beloved by the millions of loyal viewers who watch — and rewatch — the series.

What many do not know, though, is that Gannascoli is one of the very few actors who played more than one role in the story.

"I believe I was among one or two characters who played more than one role in the series," he says. "I first appeared in season one in the iconic bakery scene. My two characters were completely different: One a normal, everyday civilian and the other a mobster with a dark secret. The first scene that I appeared in, in many ways, was an homage to *Goodfellas*, where two characters were shot in the foot." He would then become much more prominent when he would take on the role as Vito. From this point, through the sixth season of the program, Gannascoli had a leading role.

The character Vito was first introduced as the nephew of mobster Richie Aprile. He was also the cousin of Jackie Aprile, Jr., whom he would later kill. He would begin as a mid-level contractor. Throughout the story, he would grow to become Tony Soprano's top earner. Among the captains, he may not have been the most trusted, but he was the person who brought in the big bucks for the big boss, which fared him well.

In one of the most iconic scenes of his role, Vito would be outed as gay. The change in role was actually Gannascoli's suggestion. The season five shocker would change how the world thought of Vito, who immediately saw

life changes flash before his character's and the world's eyes.

"In season five, I was caught with a male security guard," Gannascoli says of the scene. "That year, 2005, was a turning point in television. At that time, there were very few characters who were portrayed as gay — and fewer gay mobsters. I'm a self-taught actor, and I thought the role would be challenging for me, as I would begin, again, to play someone who I was completely different than."

"After that scene aired, I was the talk of popular television and radio broadcasts," he continues. "I was invited by Howard Stern to join him in Vegas. I remember the moment when we watched the final show — I was with about 20 people and they basically fell off their chairs."

Later, Vito's story would come to a tragic ending. He was torn between three lives — his mob life, his family life, and his affairs. He would leave to live with a partner in New Hampshire, when his character felt the inclination to get back involved with Tony and "the life." Viewed as a risk to the family, Gannascoli's character would meet his demise in season six. Despite his character's untimely ending, Gannascoli is clearly proud of his character and the episodic role he played.

"At that time, a lot of actors probably wouldn't have done it," Gannascoli says, alluding to the changing social atmosphere of America at that time. "I was always comfortable with it from being in the restaurant business. I always wanted an acting challenge. It was a huge moment in television that changed my life, and it changed television in a lot of ways."

What is lesser known about Gannascoli is that he has had a lifelong passion for cooking. While he says that his family was not a traditional, "gather around the table" family, he developed a liking for the culinary arts. After leaving college, he began his career in the kitchen. He would travel the country holding many cook-



JOSEPH R. GANNASCOLI WITH MICHAEL IMPERIOLI AND JAMES GANDOLFINI

ing positions before he got his first job as chef in New York. His education and knowledge were furthered along the way, but it was put on pause in order to pursue his career in acting.

"I left New York to pursue a career in acting," he says. "I went to Los Angeles. In the kitchen, I learned by doing, reading and watching. Much like that is how I learned to act. I made some connections and was lucky, but I hustled."

After his career with *The Sopranos* ended, Gannascoli would take up the culinary arts once more — rather by accident, he says.

"I was asked by a few couples to come over and cook for them — make them a few dishes for a friend's birthday," he says. "They posted it to Facebook and next thing you know, people started to ask me if I could do the same for them."

"Today, I've done over 100 parties — I'm actually doing one as we speak," he continues. "We make about 18 appetizers, pastas and main courses — and it's an experience. I do trivia and tell my story. I do a Q&A, I take pictures with

everyone and sign bottles of wine for people to take home. While it's tricky because you never know what kitchen you are walking into, it's really unique and I am the only one that does it, as far as I'm aware."

His travels from kitchen to kitchen have brought him to the East End, where he says he has had the pleasure of preparing dishes for many. He has participated in the San Gennaro Feast in Hampton Bays for years, through his cooperation with local restaurants.

"While I am originally from Brooklyn and now live in East Rockaway, I have always loved the Hamptons," he says. "When I am out there, people will always stop me and say how much they love the show and the iconic scenes I was in. I offer to take pictures with people who are hesitant to ask. I prefer to be an approachable guy because at the end of the day, that's what I am, a regular guy, who happened to be in the right time and the right place."

Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.





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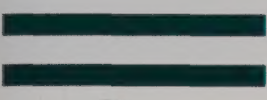
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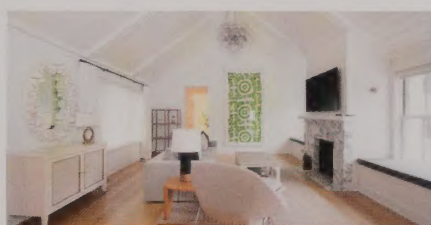


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